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Bologna v. Catanzaro in Melbourne?

SECOND ITALIAN TEAM HERE!

Not one, but two teams from Italy may tour Australia in June.

The second is Catanzaro from Calabria, Southern Italy.

Catanzaro is high on the Italian Second Division ladder. It has a good chance of being promoted back to First Division.

Last week we announced that Bologna would tour Australia in June, playing against Australia in Adelaide on June 19, against Victoria in Melbourne on June 16 and against N.S.W. in Sydney on June 23.

With both teams coming here, there is now some talk of a game in Melbourne between Bologna and Catanzaro.

This would depend on their tour dates coinciding.

Catanzaro will apparently arrive about June 23, before Bologna returns home.

Catanzaro has a big following, as there are about 100,000 Calabrians in Victoria alone.

A hitch has developed with the Bologna tour. NSW has not yet decided whether it will accept a match against Bologna or whether it will take one of the other Italian teams being offered from various sources.

NSW president **Peter McCann** said his federation had been negotiating to bring an Italian Army team to Sydney and that the Brisbane City club had offered NSW a match against Italian club Perugia, whose tour is being arranged by Brisbane.

The NSW federation was meeting last night (Tuesday) to make a decision.

Victorian officials are hoping that Bologna does not go cold on the Australian tour because of the hitches that have developed.

Cavaliere Mirabella says he will offer matches against Catanzaro to Juventus Melbourne, Marconi Fairfield, APIA Leichhardt and Azzurri and Juventus in Adelaide.

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Pietro Anastasi (left) clashes with Archie Gemmell in a match between Juventus Torino and Derby County of England. Catanzaro wants to buy Anastasi.

Our tips for Saturday

1	DERBY	Bolton Newcastle	1
2	MAN. UTD.	WOLVES	1
3	Norwich Bradford C.	West.Brom./ South'ton	2
4	Stoke/ Sunderland	CRYSTAL P.	1
5	ASTON VILLA	IPSWICH	x
6	LEICESTER	EVERTON	x
7	LIVERPOOL	MIDDLESBRO'	1
8	MAN. CITY	SHEFF. UTD.	1
9	Q.P.R.	COVENTRY	1
10	WEST HAM	BIRMINGHAM	1
11	BLACKBURN	BRISTOL R.	x
12	BRISTOL C.	LUTON	1
13	CARLISLE	NOTT'M FOR.	x
14	FULHAM	PORTSMOUTH	1
15	HULL	OXFORD UTD.	1
16	OLDHAM	ORIENT	1
17	PLYMOUTH	CHELSEA	1
18	BRIGHTON	PETERBORO'	1
19	BURY	GRIMSBY	1
20	CHESTER	SHREWSBURY	x
21	CHESTERF'LD	CARDIFF	x
22	COLCHESTER	MILLWALL	1
23	GILLINGHAM	ALDERSHOT	1
24	HEREFORD	PRESTON	1
25	MANSFIELD	WREXHAM	x
26	ROTHERHAM	PORT VALE	1
27	SHEFF. WED.	WALSALL	x
28	SWINDON	SOUTHEND	1
29	CAMB'GE UTD.	BOURNEM'TH	x
30	HARTLEPOOL	HUDDERS'ld	x
31	LINCOLN	CREW	1
32	READING	DONCASTER	1
33	SCUNTHORPE	BRENTFORD	1
34	TRANMERE	ROCHDALE	1
35	WATFORD	NORTH'PTON	x
36	BURTON A.	TELFORD	x
37	CHELMSFORD	WIMBLEDON	2
38	DOVER	YEOVIL	1
39	GRANTHAM	STOURB'GE	1
40	WEYMOUTH	DUNSTABLE	x
41	GOOLE	MACCLESF'LD	1
42	NORTHWICH	GT.HARWOOD	x
43	Ayr Utd/ Q. of South	RANGERS	x
44	MONTROSE	HEARTS	1
45	MOTH'WELL	Hibernian/ Dundee Utd.	1
46	Partick/ Dumbarton	KILMARNOCK	x
47	AIRDRIE	BRECHIN	1
48	ALLOA	FALKIRK	x
49	CLYDE	CLYDEBANK	1
50	COWDENB'TH	HAMILTON	x
51	E.STIRLING	MORTON	x
52	MEADOWB'K	ST. MIRREN	1
53	QUEENS PK.	DUNF'MLINE	1
54	STENH'SEM'R	ARBROATH	1
55	STRANRAER	EAST FIFE	1

Argentina may lose the World Cup-p.3

Players of the Week

Hakoah goalkeeper Mike O'Hara and Juventus midfielder Claude Lucchesi are our Ampol Cup players of the week.

Each of them wins a dinner for two at the North Steak House, 355 North Road, South Caulfield (tel. 58-6150).

The best player from every Friday and every Saturday double-header is chosen by our experts for the night out at the steak house.

The restaurant is run by Jimmy Milisavljevic, a member of the 1974 World Cup squad.

Mike O'Hara

HE'S THE $7000 MAN

Peter Laumets shows the style that has made him Victoria's and possibly Australia's most expensive goalkeeper. Laumets joined Preston Makedonia for a $7000 transfer fee from Altona City. Mike Micevski's old club. Picture by PETER CHARLES.

SOCCEROO FOR SALE

Jimmy Milisavljevic, 24, a member of the 1974 Australian World Cup squad, is on the transfer list at his own request.

He said last night: "After 14 years at Footscray J.U.S.T., I feel it is time for a change."

His transfer fee has not been disclosed.

Milisavljevic started with J.U.S.T. as a forward in the juniors, and was transformed into a goalkeeper by the then coach **Rale Rasic**, who went on to coach the World Cup team.

Milisavljevic also played under 19 Australian Rules with VFL club Carlton.

Last year he played as centre back and in attack, scoring the winning goal in J.U.S.T.'s 1-0 win over Hellas in the Ampol Cup final.

He has recently been out of the game due to injury.

Milisavljevic can be contacted on 53-8181, extension 400.

DIVISION 1

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	32	10	5	1	32	16	5	8	3	17	9	43
QPR	33	12	4	0	29	9	4	7	6	18	16	43
Man. Utd	32	12	4	0	30	9	5	5	6	21	20	43
Derby Cnty	32	13	1	2	34	21	4	7	5	18	20	42
Leeds Utd	30	10	1	4	28	14	6	5	4	19	17	38
Middlesbro	32	7	7	2	18	7	5	3	8	17	22	34
Man. City	30	10	5	1	32	9	2	4	8	15	19	33
Everton	31	7	6	2	29	17	4	5	7	19	36	33
West Ham	32	10	3	4	23	18	3	4	8	17	30	33
Ipswich	30	7	5	3	23	15	3	7	5	14	17	32
Leicester	32	6	7	3	22	20	2	8	6	12	33	31
Tottenham	32	3	9	4	19	26	5	5	6	23	24	30
Coventry	32	5	6	5	16	16	5	4	7	18	25	30
Newcastle	29	8	4	1	31	13	3	3	10	16	29	29
Stoke	29	6	4	5	20	19	5	3	6	15	17	29
Arsenal	32	9	3	4	24	13	2	4	10	11	25	29
Aston Villa	32	9	5	2	29	16	0	6	10	10	29	29
Norwich	30	7	4	4	24	18	3	4	8	20	28	28
Birmingham	31	8	4	4	26	21	1	1	13	16	37	23
Burnley	33	5	5	6	20	20	2	4	11	17	32	23
Wolves	32	5	5	6	18	19	2	3	11	16	34	22
Sheff. Utd	32	2	6	8	12	23	0	3	13	10	37	13

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	29	9	3	1	26	8	7	5	4	22	19	40
Bristol City	31	9	5	2	27	10	6	5	4	19	16	40
Sunderland	30	14	1	0	36	8	3	4	8	11	21	39
Notts Cnty	31	9	4	2	26	9	7	3	6	20	20	39
Southampton	30	14	1	1	39	11	2	4	8	15	25	37
WBA	30	6	7	1	17	8	7	3	6	16	19	36
Luton	31	9	4	2	26	12	5	3	8	18	24	35
Oldham	32	10	5	1	28	17	2	4	10	19	33	33
Nott. For.	31	7	1	7	22	17	4	8	4	18	16	31
Fulham	31	7	5	3	23	11	4	4	8	17	25	31
Chelsea	32	7	5	4	22	15	4	4	8	19	27	31
Bristol R.	31	6	7	3	17	12	3	6	6	12	21	31
Plymouth	33	11	3	3	32	15	0	5	11	11	29	30
Charlton	30	9	2	4	32	24	3	4	8	13	29	30
Blackpool	31	6	7	3	20	19	4	3	8	10	17	30
Carlisle	32	7	6	3	22	18	3	4	9	14	27	30
Orient	29	8	4	3	16	8	2	5	7	10	19	29
Hull	32	7	3	6	20	16	4	3	9	13	23	28
Blackburn	31	4	6	6	16	19	3	6	6	13	19	26
Oxford	31	3	7	6	17	21	2	4	9	12	24	21
Portsmouth	32	2	5	9	9	18	4	1	11	14	29	18
York	32	5	1	10	18	28	1	4	11	8	29	17

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	32	9	4	2	27	16	10	3	4	32	21	45
Brighton	32	14	0	2	40	9	4	3	9	15	28	39
Crystal Pal.	33	5	7	3	24	16	9	4	5	25	20	39
Shrewsbury	31	11	1	4	27	17	5	6	4	17	17	39
Cardiff	32	11	4	2	32	11	4	3	8	21	29	37
Peterboro	31	10	4	2	30	14	3	7	5	21	26	37
Walsall	34	10	5	3	26	17	4	4	8	19	27	37
Wrexham	33	11	4	2	29	12	3	4	9	16	25	36
Millwall	33	11	5	1	27	13	1	6	9	13	27	35
Port Vale	33	9	6	2	24	13	3	4	9	15	21	34
Bury	31	7	5	2	20	7	3	7	7	18	24	32
Preston	32	10	2	4	30	20	3	4	9	12	24	32
Grimsby	32	11	5	0	30	12	1	1	14	13	39	30
Gillingham	31	7	7	2	26	17	2	5	8	11	27	30
Rotherham	32	9	3	4	26	15	3	3	10	13	32	30
Chester	31	9	5	2	25	12	2	3	10	7	28	30
Aldershot	31	9	5	2	28	16	1	3	11	17	38	28
Chesterfield	32	7	4	6	32	23	3	2	10	15	31	26
Colchester	33	7	3	6	16	19	2	4	11	13	35	25
Southend	29	7	3	5	31	22	2	3	9	15	28	24
Sheff. Wed.	29	6	6	3	24	17	0	6	8	9	19	24
Swindon	32	8	1	6	29	22	2	3	12	15	37	24
Halifax	30	4	2	8	17	23	4	6	6	14	21	24
Mansfield	31	4	6	4	20	18	3	3	11	15	26	23

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	33	14	2	0	39	13	7	4	6	15	15	48
Lincoln	29	14	1	0	48	11	7	4	3	23	16	47
Tranmere	32	13	2	0	43	7	5	5	7	22	27	43
Reading	32	14	1	0	27	5	4	5	8	22	34	42
Exeter	34	9	6	2	24	8	5	5	7	17	21	39
Bournemouth	31	12	2	2	29	9	4	4	7	15	18	38
Huddersfield	29	8	3	4	20	12	8	3	3	21	14	38
Doncaster	33	8	4	5	37	24	8	2	6	25	24	38
Swansea	31	10	4	1	33	13	2	5	9	12	25	33
Watford	32	12	2	2	27	14	3	1	12	12	32	33
Torquay	32	9	2	5	20	15	4	5	7	17	36	33
Rochdale	30	6	7	2	22	16	4	4	7	10	18	31
Cambridge	34	5	7	4	21	18	5	4	9	16	25	31
Crewe	31	8	5	3	26	13	1	7	7	15	23	30
Stockport	33	6	5	6	18	15	4	5	7	15	32	30
Newport	30	7	5	3	29	21	4	2	9	18	35	29
Brenford	31	9	4	4	28	15	1	4	9	13	29	28
Hartlepool	32	6	5	5	28	22	4	3	9	16	29	28
Barnsley	32	8	6	2	21	12	0	6	10	8	25	28
Bradford	29	6	5	4	20	13	2	5	7	16	24	26
Darlington	32	5	5	5	12	11	3	1	13	14	32	22
Scunthorpe	32	5	2	8	17	18	2	3	12	11	27	19
Workington	32	5	2	10	16	27	0	3	12	4	31	15
Southport	32	1	4	11	16	28	1	1	14	5	33	9

SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	26	8	3	2	28	15	9	1	3	28	15	38
Rangers	26	11	1	1	28	9	5	4	4	15	12	37
Hibernian	25	10	2	1	30	9	3	4	5	14	20	32
Motherwell	26	8	3	3	21	14	4	4	4	24	19	31
Aberdeen	26	7	4	3	24	15	3	3	6	17	21	27
Hearts	26	4	5	4	17	17	4	3	6	11	20	24
Dundee	26	6	4	3	26	21	2	3	8	15	28	23
Ayr	25	7	2	3	20	16	1	2	10	10	25	20
Dundee Utd	24	4	2	5	13	16	2	4	7	15	22	18
St Johnstone	26	2	2	8	15	26	0	0	14	9	40	6

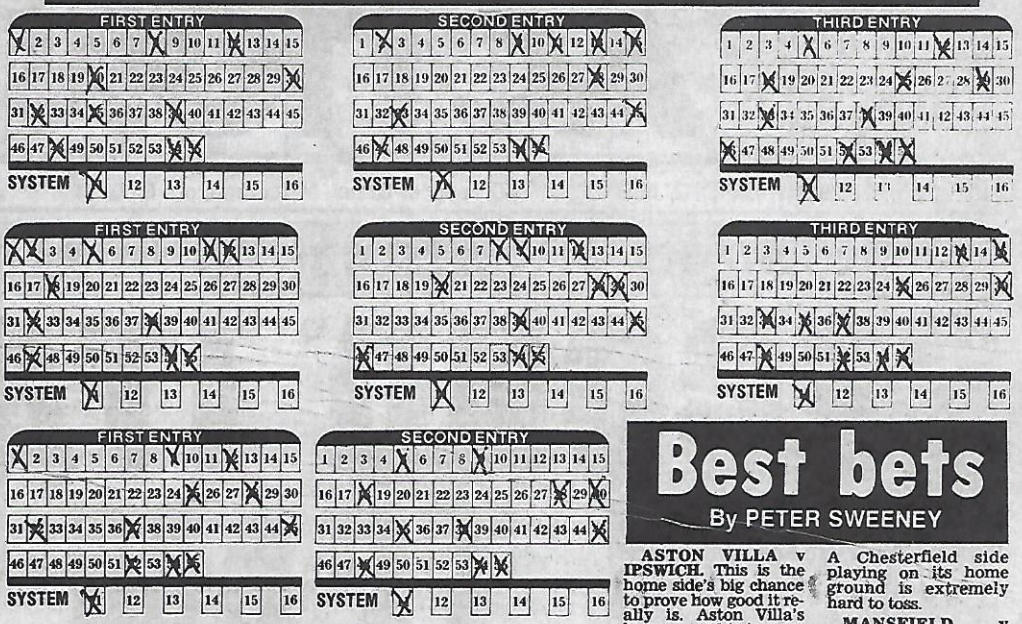
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	26	10	2	1	26	7	7	5	1	21	12	41
Kilmarnock	26	11	1	1	28	10	5	2	6	16	19	35
Montrose	26	9	3	1	28	18	3	3	7	25	25	30
Dumbarton	25	8	2	3	30	22	3	2	7	20	22	26
Arbroath	26	8	1	4	23	14	3	3	7	18	25	26
St Mirren	26	6	5	2	22	14	3	3	7	15	23	26
Airdrie	26	5	5	3	25	22	2	6	5	19	19	25
Falkirk	26	6	4	3	18	12	4	1	8	20	23	25
Hamilton	25	5	4	3	16	12	2	6	5	19	22	24
Queen O Sth	26	6	4	3	26	26	3	2	8	15	21	24
Morton	26	4	5	4	16	17	3	4	6	15	23	23
East Fife	26	6	4	3	25	24	2	3	8	14	29	23
Dnfrmlne	26	4	5	4	18	22	1	5	7	12	29	20
Clyde	26	3	2	8	20	23	2	2	9	14	29	14

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clydebank	25	9	3	1	25	8	8	2	2	19	5	39
Raith	23	5	6	1	18	14	7	4	0	22	8	34
Alloa	24	6	4	1	22	12	8	2	3	22	15	34
Queens Park	26	8	2	3	24	14	2	7	4	17	19	29
Stirling A	23	6	3	3	26	14	3	4	4	12	14	25
Cowdenbth	24	5	4	2	21	13	4	3	6	18	28	25
E Stirling	26	5	5	3	17	14	3	3	7	16	19	24
Stenhsmuir	25	6	1	6	20	20	3	4	5	18	21	23
Albion R	25	4	5	3	19	15	2	5	6	12	23	22
Stranraer	24	5	1	6	24	19	4	2	6	20	24	21
Berwick	24	3	3	7	14	24	4	2	5	18	16	19
Forfar	26	3	6	4	16	18	1	4	8	12	30	18

$$$ THE POOLS $$$



The numbers game

with KNUT WERNER

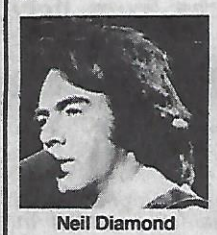
So we didn't do too well last week. Hands up those who did. Aha! Could I interest you in a business venture?

Anyway, back to the drawing board. We go back to the cheapest system this week — the 50 cent entries. Your total outlay will be only $4.

Again, I've looked at the numbers that have been coming up most often and at those that have been coming up least often.

I've put together a nice blend and coupled them as well as the outlay allows.

Go to it. If we win, I'll expect 10 per cent from each of you.



Neil Diamond

10 matches on tour

The Australian Soccer Federation hopes to line up 10 matches for the national team's tour of Asia in October.

The matches planned tentatively so far are in Indonesia, Singapore, Iran (two games), Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Irak, Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong.

Richmond unbeaten

Second Division club Richmond was undefeated in an all-day tournament against First Division outfit Waverley at the weekend.

Richmond's under 12s won 5-0, the thirds 3-0 with two goals by **Wolfgang Schumacher** and one **Bubi Weiland**, the reserves drew 2-2 and the seniors also drew 2-2 with goals by **Dorcevski** and **Dodin**.

Gala picnic

Preston Makedonia will have a gala picnic at Kinglake, next to the national park, on Sunday.

Chelsea dinner

The committee of Chelsea will have a smorgasbord dinner meeting with local area businessmen at the Edithvale Reserve clubrooms on Wednes-

Woman's Intuition

with MARILYN

Well, hello ladies,

I went to see Neil Diamond on Sunday night. It was so crowded a lady was asked to remove her falsies. Putting up the umbrella covered 20 people at one time.

But he's well worth getting squashed for. I reckon every Victorian policeman was assigned, so they could get in for free.

A young girl recognised me and asked if she could select this week's numbers — her thoughts on Neil Diamond's measurements.

Unfortunately we could not get him to pose in the nude, so this is the best we could do.

So, for **Mrs Katrin Overington** of Melton, Vic, here it is: Age about 35, Height 5'9", weight 11st, shoe size 8, chest 45, waist 30, hips took a long time, finally decided on 40, thigh 17, ankle 14 and the last number 12.

So, this week's numbers are: 35-5-9-11-8-45-30-40-17-14-12.

Remember, if you have some zany ideas for choosing lucky numbers, send them to Marilyn, "Soccer Action" 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne.

And if they are all correct, you'll receive a 2 lb box of the finest milk chocolates. Hurry up or these chocolates will be off.

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For those who trust the stars

For those people who follow the stars, here's a list of your lucky pools numbers for this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18) 7, 14, 19, 29, 53, 48, 3, 8, 9, 20 and 52.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20) 3, 6, 9, 19, 43, 51, 7, 16, 17, 23, 27.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) 11, 12, 23, 24, 35, 47, 5, 21, 22, 31, 39.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) 2, 4, 8, 18, 27, 43, 12, 13, 15, 17, 51.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) 9, 10, 19, 37, 27, 52, 7, 1, 2, 29, 28.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) 7, 10, 17, 39, 27, 50, 10, 9, 15, 16, 17.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) 15, 16, 32, 23, 40, 54, 6, 21, 22, 38, 37.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22) 1. 16. 17. 40. 23. 51. 8. 10, 15, 19. 20.

LIBRA (Sep 23 - Oct 22) 8, 11, 19, 38, 18, 53, 9, 41, 42, 43, 50.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21) 10, 11, 21, 27, 54, 4, 9, 8, 1, 3, 13, 17.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21) 14, 28, 15, 4, 44, 2, 18, 5, 7, 19, 20.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19) 40, 1, 39, 8, 51, 4, 7, 50, 41, 42, 43.

Best bets

By PETER SWEENEY

ASTON VILLA v IPSWICH. This is the home side's big chance to prove how good it really is. Aston Villa's home record is impressive, but Ipswich is one of the better performed sides when playing away.

LEICESTER v EVERTON: This will be Everton's big test, and the visitors are capable enough to prevent a home victory.

BLACKBURN v BRISTON R: Blackburn, which has been disappointing for most of the year is at home to a not much better Bristol Rovers. Home ground advantage and the thought of relegation will enable Blackburn to wriggle out of the match with a draw.

CARLISLE v NOTT'M FOR: Notts Forest's good away form will enable it to draw. The visitors' main attacking weapons will be forwards Robertson and Bowyer, who can be prolific goal scorers.

CHESTER v SHREWSBURY: Chester faces its biggest task of the season at home to second side Shrewsbury. But Shrewsbury won't leave with the points — the match seems certain to be drawn.

CHESTERFIELD v CARDIFF: One of the leading sides Cardiff, goes to Chesterfield and will probably be expecting a win. But this will not be the case. A Chesterfield side playing on its home ground is extremely hard to toss.

MANSFIELD v WREXHAM: It's another case of home ground advantage eliminating the difference between the sides. I expect bottom placed Mansfield to cause a shock and hold the classier Wrexham side to divided points.

SHEFF.WED v WALSALL: Walsall will have to be content with receiving one point from this contest. Sheffield Wednesday has yet to open its winning account away from home but its performances in front of the hometown crowd are creditable.

CAMBRIDGE v BOURNEM'TH: Well placed Bournemouth will be happy to scrape out of this one with a draw, as Cambridge is playing extremely well. Nightingale, Reeves, Howell and Batson will be the stars of an even match.

HARTLEPOOL v HUDDERSF'LD: Hartlepool has crushed sides at home in recent weeks and will be aiming to add Huddersfield's scalp to that list. But Huddersfield is too good a side to go down . . . and will make a draw of the game.

WATFORD v NORTH'PTON: Top fourth division side Northampton will certainly know it's played a game of soccer after the clash with Watford.

$30,000 PRIZE?

The numbers representing the score draws (3 points each) last week were: 1, 2, 4, 9, 13, 34, 44.

The scoreless match numbers (2 points each) were: 7, 28, 29, 35, 36, 49, 53.

Vernons UK estimates the dividend for each entry with the maximum score of 23 points (the seven score draws plus any one of the scoreless draws) this week at $30,000.

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WHO WILL WIN THE AMPOL CUP IN MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY? WE SAY . . .

SAINTS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

By Brian Mossop

I'll stick my neck out and predict that St. George the Cup holder, will take it out again this year.

Hakoah may have looked impressive in beating lowly sides early on, but it looked very ordinary in losing to Wests 1-2.

In fact, I don't think that Hakoah will even reach the final.

Marconi-Fairfield will get ahead of Hakoah, but the Fairfield boys do not constitute a team as well-balanced as St. George's.

And I'm afraid that even the great Rale Rasic will be powerless against the St. George machine.

The Hungarian outfit has talent to burn. There's Paul Coton, so steady in defence, Attila Abonyi masterminding the attacks, young Mark Jankovic ramming home goals monotonously and John Stoddard showing his versatility by filling in expertly for Harry Williams at left back.

Marconi will relish the return of Mike Micevski after injury.

Ernie Campbell is determined to prove that Brian Green was wrong in dropping him from the national side, and Ray Richards is the inspiring leader that he's always been.

Marconi also has a midfield gem in Roaul Carrizo — when he fires. At his best, this ball wizard has few peers in Australia.

Yet for all its assets, Marconi does not have the same attacking flair as St. George, so it's Saints for the 1976 Ampol Cup.

FOOTSCRAY JUST TOO GOOD

PETER SWEENEY

It's Footscray J.U.S.T. for the 1976 Ampol Cup.

Bad luck Hakoah — you'll have to wait another year before ending your 21-year drought in the Ampol Cup Series.

J.U.S.T., holder of the Cup, will win the trophy for the seventh time.

It won the inaugural cup in 1955 and has followed up with victories in 1956, 57, 60, 66, and again last year.

Hakoah may look Ampol Cup winners on paper.

It is chasing its first ever Cup, is playing brilliantly and whitewashed J.U.S.T. a few weeks ago.

Despite this, I believe J.U.S.T. will overcome hurdles and take out a flag.

The side is a proven big occasion team — something which can't be equalled when it comes to the crunch.

It has two of this country's most deadly forwards — **Mendo Ristovski** and **Branko Buljevic** — who on their day they can rip any defence to shreds.

These two were well held by the Hakoah full backs last time they met, but both are too clever to be mesmerised again if the two teams meet in the final.

Its defence, with three State representatives in charge, is watertight.

Jim Kondarios, Jim Kriaris and **Andy Kazi** are thorns to any forward line up.

The side has as much ability on the bench, where shrewd campaigner **Cedo Cirkovic** coaches his team artfully.

Both attacks come from behind and it will be interesting to see the defensive tactics of the teams.

OUR SAY

ASF must be clear on coaching

The future of national coach Brian Green is expected to become clearer after the Australian Soccer Federation's meeting in April.

The coaching situation is sure to be discussed at the meeting, after last week's sensational "sacking" of Green as NSW director of coaching.

The NSW Federation "sacked" Green, saying neither the ASF nor Green himself knew what he was supposed to be doing as NSW coaching director.

NSW federation president Peter McCann said his federation felt that the amount of time Green actually spent on coaching projects within the State did not justify the $3500 that NSW was paying the ASF towards Green's salary.

Green's sacking, plus the drying up of federal funds which help pay the salaries of many of the other State coaching directors, is seen as the beginning of the end of a coaching framework that never really got off the ground.

Some of the directors have openly expressed disappointment with the scheme.

The other aspect of the Green case, of course, is that NSW's action came soon after Green's unfortunate court conviction.

Some officials have criticised the ASF and its president, Sir Arthur George, for trying to sweep the matter under the carpet.

Many foreign language newspapers have called for Green's resignation. Others have come out in his defence. "The Australian," for example, reported from Auckland that the Socceroos were standing loyally behind their coach.

If this matter is to go any further, it would have to be at the ASF executive meeting.

However, Mr. McCann is adamant that NSW will not put forward any motion at that meeting, and there is no indication that Victoria will, either.

All this intrigue has gone on for long enough.

The ASF must issue a clear, detailed statement of its attitude after its meeting, to dispel any confusion, and the soccer public should then shut up.

In adopting its stance at the meeting, the ASF should also try to clear up confusion that exists about the Green-Eric Worthington relationship.

Some commentators have been saying that an unofficial manager-coach relationship of the British type exists at national team level — with Worthington, not Green, making most of the decisions.

If it is not true, the ASF must make this crystal clear to stop further speculation.

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WORLD CUP VENUE IN DANGER

By DAVID MILLER, 'Daily Express'.

THE WORLD CUP finals in the Argentine in 1978 are heading for chaos greater even than the Montreal Olympics fiasco this summer unless FIFA chooses an alternative venue when the executive committee meets in Rio on April 6.

The huge subsidies for stadium buildings, communications and TV installations promised to F.I.F.A. by the Peronist government last autumn, I underatand, have been withdrawn.

Harry Cavan, Northern Ireland chairman and F.I.F.A. vice-president, who was on the last inspection trip of the Argentine's stadia following which the guarantees were given by Government officals, said:

"Without the Government subsidies, I do not see how the Argentine F.A. can manage. There is a further F.I.F.A. inspection of facilities at the end of March immediately before the Rio "meeting".

It now seems possible that, even if F.I.F.A. unwisely decides to extend yet again the deadline for starting stadium building. Argentina may itself resign as host.

With the country running at 865 per cent inflation, with 500 per cent forecast for 1977 and 1,000 per cent for 1978, the beef republic is facing bankruptcy, its financial credit abroad non-existent.

Political assassinations are averaging 10 a week, 68 so far this year last year, there was a political murder every 90 minutes.

How can security be guaranteed for 16 national Soccer squads spread over hundreds of miles in provincial centres?

Building materials already delivered to the sites of stadia to be built or redeveloped in Rosarrio, Mendoza in the Andes, Codoba and the Atlantic resort, Mar del Plata, lie untouched. It has still not been decided by the Government who is to do the work.

If the Peronist Government is defeated in next year's general elections, there is no guarantee that Argentina will not immediately rescind its promises to F.I.F.A. But they could do so before then if the army takes control.

Although a technical inspection committee from the European Broadcasting Union and the Iron Curtain countries visited Argentina a fortnight ago and were given renewed assurances, I understand that there is no guarantee that colour television will be fully operational by 1978.

Direct telephone dialling is available to only two of the four provincial centres.

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May not play again

Star Juventus left full back Fausto Tarquinio (pictured) has been told not to play soccer this season.

And his soccer future is in doubt because of a rare bone complaint.

Juventus team manager **Amando Dilizza** said: "The bones in Fausto's groin are rubbing together.

"One bone is bigger than the other and giving him trouble.

"He has recently returned from Italy where doctors told him they would like to operate, saying he could get bone cancer.

"It seems the only way he can get better is by relaxing.

"Fausto will coach our under 16 team and act as an adviser to **Dave Gorrie** at training and games."

Tarquinio, about 23, started with Juventus in its under 14 side.

He has represented Victoria in junior ranks and played for the Australian under 23 team.

Second Italian team coming

From page one

Bologna originally intended to tour the U.S. instead of Australia and there is the danger that it may go back to that plan.

The Catanzaro tour was arranged by Juventus Melbourne president **Paul Mirabella** who was honored with the title of Cavaliere during his recent visit to Italy.

Cavaliere Mirabella and Catanzaro president **Dr. Craulo** signed the contracts at Catanzaro on Friday.

Cavaliere Mirabella says he will offer matches against Catanzaro to Juventus Melbourne, Marconi Fairfield, APIA Leichhardt and Azzurri and Juventus in Adelaide.

Italian newspapers have been speculating that Catanzaro may buy former Italian international forward **Pietro Anastasi** from Juventus Torino.

It would be an extra boon to the Australian fans if such a transfer

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BRING BACK GAMES BETWEEN THE STATES

The sporting relationship that used to exist between the States and between interstate clubs must be revived.

What has happened to all those traditional interstate games?

RALE RASIC

We used to have matches between State teams twice a year.

It was normal practice for the Sydney and Melbourne Ampol Cup winners to play against each other, yet there was no talk at all about last years winners, Footscray J.U.S.T. and St. George, getting together.

We used to have matches between the champion of Sydney and the champion of Melbourne. Remember how Juventus beat Yugal in Melbourne in 1970?

These games have apparently been scrapped as well.

These interstate games — including simple friendlies between clubs — used to establish a firm base for co-operation.

Such friendship is essential now that a national league is being planned.

I'm not saying that there is open antagonism between the States. In fact, my club, Marconi, is getting good co-operation from Melbourne in regard to a plan to bring **Francis Lee** there for a friendly game.

I have had fruitful discussions with South Melbourne Hellas about the possibility of a Marconi v. Hellas game in Melbourne, a game whose drawcard would be Francis Lee, who will play three games for Marconi in May.

I'm getting more co-operation from Victoria than from Sydney clubs.

But getting back to interstate matches, let's look back at what used to be the traditional clashes between the NSW and Victorian State teams.

These matches used to hold a lot of prestige for both States and they were a valuable yardstick for measuring the difference in playing standards between the States.

These games should be brought back. NSW should also play regularly against South Australia.

The standard of SA soccer is much higher than most people seem to think, yet over a period of eight years, not one match was played between NSW and SA.

Apart from full interstate games, we should also be playing State under 18 and under 21 against each other.

This is most important to the development of up-and-coming young players.

If the objection is based on financial grounds, surely the various States could find sponsors to underwrite these matches.

I'm sure that a television station would be interested in elevising matches between State sides, thus giving the sponsors their money's worth.

If, as is so often said, NSW is the leading State, why doesn't NSW take a lead in this matter?

The strengthening of ties between the States would have an important effect as far as Melbourne is concerned.

Every time the national team plays in Melbourne, it faces a crowd that is hostile because it believes that Victoria is not adequately represented in the national team.

If NSW were to play against Victoria at Olympic Park and thrash Victoria 6-0, the Victorian public would concede that NSW players are the best and that NSW should have more players in the national team than Victoria.

On the other hand, Victoria may beat NSW convincingly, forcing the national team selected to consider Victorian players more seriously and thus appeasing the Melbourne fans.

Executive

In short, public relations work has to be done. Friendships must be strengthened. Tradition must be reinforced.

The States should meat on a friendly basis at executive level as well as on the field of sport.

Administrators should get together and discuss mutual problems and advise each other on the basis of the successes and failures of each.

Obviously, NSW and Victoria should take the lead, as each of them has been extremely sccessful in recent years. NSW, for example, has recorded the incredible profit of $114,000.

Let me again remind you that a national league is planned for next year. To my knowledge, the States have never sat down together and discussed this league in as much detail as it should be discussed.

I want to see a national league kicking off in Australia, but I want to see it run properly.

Perhaps Victoria would not have pulled out, had there been more detailed discussion and a higher level of co-operation.

The Victorian bench as South Australia leads 2-0 in an interstate match at Olympic Park in 1970. From left: Doug Utjesenovic (then with Footscray J.U.S.T.), Lou Kastner, Dave Gorrie, Billy Rogers (then with Melbourne), Billy Rice, the late Lou Lazzari (masseur) and Rale Rasic, then coach of Victoria.

The Victorian team lines up for a match against NSW at Olympic Park in the mid-sixties. Standing, from left: Mike Jurecki, Bill Cook, Bill Rice, Vic Janczyk, Nigel Shepherd, Frank Micic, Ray Barotajs. Front: Marko Fode, Tommy Stankovic, Archie Campbell, Jim Molloy, Bill McIvor.

INFANT BANKSIA AIMS TO DO EVEN BETTER

The year-old Banksia club plans to consolidate its position in the north division of the Victorian District League this year.

Banksia will switch its ground to a reserve in Collins Street, Thornbury, and will continue to serve the West Heidelberg and East Preston areas.

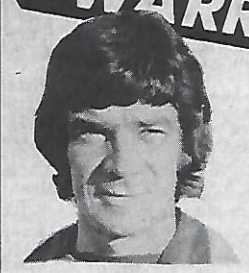
Banksia had only one side last year and it got off to a slow start with many untried players.

worked hard to blend a side mixed with youth and experience, with the result that the side lost only three of its last 11 games.

Experience was shown through **Dave Oxton, Ron Taylor** and **Fritz Pel** and younger players **Arthur Giuliano** and **Dennis Lacey** lended support.

New players and supporters are welcome to join the club and help it get settled as a force in Victorian

WARREN



Former national captain John Warren

Muhammad Ali hits Ron Lyle. Is Ali too old at 34?

How about a fair go for the oldies

"Give the youngsters a go" is a common plea in sport.

Even in last week's column I was on about the lack of young local players to really make their presence felt in Australian soccer.

Without contradicting this sentiment I feel we should also give the "oldies" a fair go.

Australian sport in general has become too obsessed with players' ages, particularly soccer.

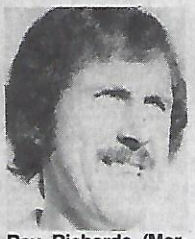
Once a player nears or passes the 30 mark he is treated as though he has some sort of terminal disease and regarded by all and sundry as over the hill.

Compared with other countries and other sports we tend to write off our players far too early.

The truth of the matter is that there is no such thing as an old or young player, only a good or bad one.

Age comes into it only when we consider the average age of the team.

To illustrate my point, take a good look at the top teams doing the rounds at the moment and you can bet there is some wise old head/heads controlling proceedings somewhere along the line.



Ray Richards (Marconi)

Doug Utjesenovic (St. George)

Top Sydney sides Apia and St George owed a lot of their success last year to their oldies.

For Apia the midfield tandem of **Willie Wallace** and **Jimmy Rooney** was a key factor even though both are well past the 30 mark, whilst for Saints **Atti Abonyi** and **Doug Utjesenovic** were among their better performers although they also are nearing the dreaded 30.

The same will apply in '76 to Apia and Saints.

One of the first moves by Marconi manager **Rale Rasic** was to call veteran **Alfie Moschen** out of retirement and you can be sure Moschen and co-veteran **Ray Richards** will play dominant roles in any success Marconi may have this year.

Pan Hellenic's **Ivo Rudic** will have **Bruce Stowell** back from retirement to help the club again, whilst out Sutherland way there are few better performers than 35-year-old **Johnny Watkiss.**

In Melbourne it has been much the same story.

Name better servants and players than **Billy Vojtek** and **Frank Mici** in recent years, or for that matter **Jack Reilly** and **Jimmy MacKay.**

Overseas, Real Madrid's 37-year-old **Amancio** is still rated by many world experts as the Spanish champions' star performer.

If he had listened to some of our fans and experts he would have retired six or seven seasons ago.

At our own national team level, I believe there is still room for some of the older players who know how to cope when the pressure is on in the forthcoming World Cup elimination matches.

Players such as **Abonyi, Rooney, Richards** and **Utjesenovic** will be invaluable at these times.

In other sports **Muhammad Ali** and **Rod Laver** have illustrated that life really begins in sport at 30.

We should learn this lesson in our soccer and

Tennis champion Rod Laver. He's over 30,

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DIRCEU LOPES (Cruzeiro) CHARLTON (Man. Utd.) VLADIC (Velez Mostar)

ESHTREKOV (Moscow Dynamo) VASSILEV (Bulgaria) GOERTS (Werder Bremen)

NEW SOUTH WALES

LORD (Prague)

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SCHAEFER (St. George)

WILSON (Wests)

CURRAN (Wests)

WARREN (St. George)

RICHARDS (Marconi)

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VOJTEK (Juventus)

NESTORIDES (Hellas)

JANKOWSKI (Polonia)

STANKOVIC (J.U.S.T.)

LAURIE SCHWAB

The elevation of Czechoslovakia to the top echelon of European soccer causes one to look back at the many current Czech internationals who have played with such distinction in Melbourne and Sydney.

Of the current Czech national team players, at least six have played in Australia on tour.

They are **Capkovic, Masny, Svehlik** and **Vencel** of Slovan Bratislava, which toured in 1972, and **Pivarnik** and **Pollok,** who were here with Kosice in 1971.

What's more Czechoslovakia's trainer is **Joe Venglos,** former boss of Prague and Australia.

Slovan beat a Hellas — J.U.S.T. combined team 8-2 at Olympic Park, lost to Cruzeiro 0-3 at the Sydney Showgrounds and at Olympic Park and drew 1-1 with the Brazilians in Melbourne.

Kosice beat Victoria 5-1 in January of 1971. Pivarnik, who scored a goal, impressed as the finest fullback I've seen.

With players like Pivarnik in its team, it was no wonder that Czechoslovakia was classified No. 1 in "France Football's" annual ratings of European nations.

It's interesting to speculate on exactly who were the finest players that have toured Australia.

And that brings us to further speculation—like the perennial construction of State "all-star" teams.

For what it's worth, I offer the line-ups at left as my NSW, Victorian and touring "all-stars":

The touring all-stars team features a front line comprising three wingers.

This is unavoidable, because the best performances by forwards have been by wingers.

Some may wonder about the exclusion of **Tostao** (Cruzeiro) and **Pele** (Santos). They simply did not play as well in Australia as the three I have chosen.

Many will disagree with my choices in NSW's defence, but please remember that this defence was the one that played in the World Cup finals.

The Victorian line-up includes four centre halves. This too was unavoidable, as few specialist full backs have contributed as much as the centre backs mentioned.

The NSW and Victorian teams are chosen in 4-2-4 formation because of the abundance of good forwards.

The national squad of Czechoslovakia, back row from left: Joz, Capkovic, Dobias, Gallis, Ondrus, Panenka; middle: Jezek (trainer), Svoboda, Gajdusek, Kouba, Masny, Venglos (trainer); front; Viktor, Bicovski, Svehlik, Pivarnik, Knapp, Nehoda, Vencel. Not pictured: Pollak.

Bobby Charlton

Uwe Kliemann, now of the West German national team. He toured with Hertha 03 — Zehlendorf.

NAGY BACK

Speedy forward Les Nagy, 17, has been reincluded in the Hakoah senior squad.

Nagy, a former Victorian under 16 representative, scored two goals for the Hakoah reserves against Park Rangers' senior team last week.

He had two or three senior games last year.

Hakoah's new forward **Nick Nechvoglod** is expected to make his debut against Polonia on Saturday week.

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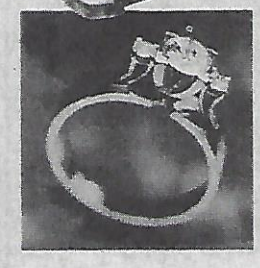

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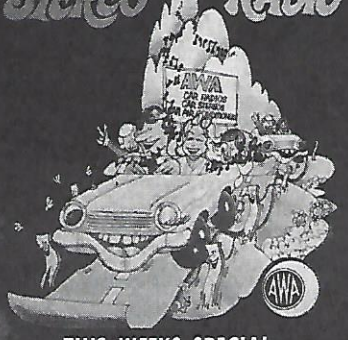

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SYDNEY AMPOL CUP

with BRIAN MOSSOP

This week

Moving towards that goal . . .

The four Sydney clubs vitally interested in the national league have won their way through to the semi-finals of the Ampol Cup.

Which only goes to show that with a goal to work towards, the top clubs can really pull out that little extra.

Admittedly St George and Marconi had the advantage of a relatively easy draw to simplify their passage through to the final four.

But as any self-respecting coach will be quick to point out, there is no such thing as an "easy" game.

Saints, as the only side in the competition to win all of their games, must be favorites to take out the Cup.

The presence of Wests in the semis must be a heartening feature for both officials and their few supporters.

Hakoah and Apia appeared to have a mortgage on group A, but Wests' fighting effort in toppling Hakoah last week and Apia's shock loss to Pan Hellenic opened the way for Wests.

Perhaps it was ironic justice for Apia's change of heart on the national league.

The semi-finals next weekend pit Hakoah against Marconi and St George against Wests in what both loom as classic battles for final honors.

The championship, which gets under way on March 21, seems certain to be dominated by the same five clubs — Saints, Hakoah, Marconi, Apia and Wests.

Marconi misses its two stars

The St George machine steamrolled Marconi 3-1 to remain the only unbeaten side after the preliminary rounds of the Ampol Cup.

But despite the defeat Marconi is in the semi-finals.

Saints had three players on duty in New Zealand with the Australian team, but did not appear to miss them as much as Marconi did **Gary Byrne** and **Allan Maher.**

Two early goals from corner kicks opened the way for the St George domination and Marconi never really recovered.

Tall striker **Neville Morgan** rose high above a flat-footed defence to noteh the opening goal for Saints in the 16th minute.

Nine minutes later Marconi was outfoxed by another header, this time by big defender **Paul Coton.**

Billy Millen missed the chance to peg back a goal for Marconi when he miskicked a cross by **Raoul Carrizo.**

The game evened out after the break with Marconi mounting several promising attacks, but solid 'keeping by **Martin Coe** in the St George goal kept them out.

Saints went further ahead when **John O'Shea** walked the ball into an empty Marconi net but Marconi came back with a consolation goal by **Mike Micevski** after **Carrizo** had beaten two defenders with a dribbling run.

John Stoddart, moved back into a defensive role by coach **Manfred Schaefer,** was a pillar of strength in the St George defence while **Brendan Grosse** and **Willie Hamilton** combined well to give Saints control of the midfield.

DETAILS

At Woonona Oval: South Sydney 1 (Whalley) D Sutherland O. Attendance: 792.

Men of the match: 3 — Jeff Whalley (Souths) 2 — Vernon Darvill (Souths) 1 — John Wignall (Souths).

Wollongong City 1 (Beggs) drew with Pan Hellenic 1 (Gnavi). Attendance: 792. Men of the match: 3 — Rodolfo Gnavi (Pan Hellenic) 2 — Bruce Stowell (Pan Hellenic) 1 — Peter Beggs (Wollongong).

At Wentworth Park: Western Suburbs 2 (Lindsay 2) D Manly 0. Attendance: 2,500.

Men of the match: 3 — Peter Stone (Wests) 2 — Ken Lindsay (Wests) 1 — Peter Dean (Manly).

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs 5 (Lutton 2, Smith, Silva, Honeyman) D Apia O. Attendance: 2,500.

Men of the match: 3 — Hilton Silva (Hakoah) 2 — Joe Watson (Hakoah) 1 — Alan Farley (Hakoah).

At Marconi Oval: Auburn 1 (Jones) D Granville O. Attendance: 2,372.

Men of the match: 3 — Vic Juchniewicz (Auburn) 2 — Perc Biglands (Granville) 1 — Terry Jones (Auburn).

St George 3 (Morgan, Coton, O'Shea) D Marconi 1 (Micevski). Attendance: 2,372.

Men of the match: 3 — John Stoddart (St George) 2 — Brendan Grosse (St George) 1 — Raoul Carrizo (Marconi).

AMPOL CUP TABLES

Group A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hakoah	4	—	1	21	5	8
Wests	3	1	1	11	6	7
Apia	3	—	2	7	8	6
Pan Hellenic	2	2	1	11	12	6
Wollongong City	1	1	3	8	10	3
Manly	—	—	5	3	20	—

GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	5	—	—	18	4	10
Marconi	3	1	1	8	6	7
South Sydney	2	—	3	8	8	4
Auburn	1	2	2	7	11	4
Sutherland	1	1	3	2	5	3
Granville	1	—	4	3	10	2

Come back, John

A first half goal by Jeff Whalley gave Souths Sydney a 1-0 win over Sutherland in a scrappy game.

Whalley scored in the 15th minute, netting after an overlapping run on the right by fullback **Greg Smith.**

Sutherland did as much attacking as Souths, but lacked finish.

They have experience in the side in former international **John Watkiss,** but will be better when midfielder **John McDonald** returns after injury.

Vernon Darvill went close to putting Souths further ahead midway through the first half but his powerful shot slammed into the crossbar.

The closest Sutherland came to scoring was shortly before half time when **Alan Griffiths** beat goalkeeper **Don Smith,** but fullback **John Wignall** cleared off the line.

Replacement **John Doyle** missed the easiest chance of the game in the 77th minute.

He had only goalkeeper **Malcolm Haynes** to beat to put Souths ahead 2-0, but shot wide from close range.

Silva leads the charge

Hakoah showed scant regard for missing internationals Tod Clarke, Agenor Muniz and Murray Barnes when they bounced back to top form against hapless Apia.

But how Apia could have done with **Jimmy Rooney** to bolster its midfield!

Hakoah, surprisingly beaten the previous week, turned on the sparkle to crush Apia 5-0 and end Apia's semi-final aspirations.

And leading the way in the revival was Hakoah's Brazilian winger **Hilton Silva.**

Tiny **Joe Watson,** switched from the right wing to midfield in the absence of Muniz, was a bundle of energy, giving out the workrate of a carthorse.

But it was Silva who constantly left the Apia defence standing with his clever control and accurate passing.

He laid on the first goal for **Terry Smith** and later scored a classic goal himself, curving the ball around goalkeeper **Dave McQuire** with the outside of his foot.

English signings **Bertie Lutton** and **Graham Honeyman** also relished the chance to show their paces against a ragged Apia — Lutton notching two and Honeyman one of Hakoah's five goals.

Hakoah's stand-in goalie **Alan Farley** pulled off some tremendous early saves to take much of the heart out of Apia.

But reckless passing and poor anticipation which left huge gaps allowed Hakoah to pour through.

Not good enough!

Two goals by midfielder Ken Lindsay put Western Suburbs through to the semi-finals with a 2-0 win over battling Manly.

But Wests will have to put up a much stronger showing if they are to upset high flying St George next weekend.

Despite Lindsay's goals and a solid performance by Manly goalkeeper **Peter Dean,** Wests lacked zip in building their attacks.

New Manly coach **Ron Corry,** rushed to hospital for a night of observation last week after being kicked in the match against Wollongong, seems to have instilled a fighting spirit into his new charges.

Tom Morrow and **Alan Ainslie** did the lead-up work for Wests first goal in the 29th minute — Lindsay being on hand to slot the ball home after the initial shot from Ainslie.

Ainslie played a part in Lindsay's second goal, curling in a corner kick which left the ball rolling free for Lindsay to pounce in the 65th minute.

Police help ref.

The crowd did not like it and neither did Pan Hellenic.

Hellenic desperately needed to beat Wollongong City to retain a chance of qualifying for the semi-finals.

But a disallowed goal in the closing seconds thwarted Hellenic's hopes and left the match level in a 1-1 draw.

As thing unfolded, even a win would not have been sufficient to give Hellenic a semi berth.

But the irate supporters did not know that at the time, and referee George Warne needed a police escort to leave the ground.

As it was, Hellenic had to wait until two minutes from the end before notching the equalising goal, midfielder **Rodolfo Gnavi** pouncing on a loose ball to score.

Peter Beggs had opened the scoring for Wollongong.

Gnavi as usual was the playmaker for Hellenic.

Beauty, Jonesy!

Auburn's 18-year-old striker Terry Jones is short on experience but has the makings of a fine player.

Jones came on as a replacement for injured **Gary Quested** and was a constant thorn in the side of the Granville defence.

He scored 25 goals in third grade last year before his elevation this season by coach **Joe Marston,** and the move proved a winning one, with Jones notching the only goal in Auburn's 1-0 win.

Midfielder **Vic Juchniewicz** provided the punch for Auburn in a fast but rugged game.

Granville hung on grimly with the aid of strong defence by **Perc Biglands,** but with better finish up front Auburn could have won by a bigger margin.

A.C.T. match

A representative side from the New South Wales second division will play a Canberra team at Narrabundah Oval, Canberra, on Sunday.

Manager-coach of the squad is Roger Bamford.

Bamford played for Canterbury and Bankstown after spending five years with Aston Villa.

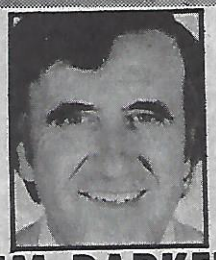
A squad of 14 will make the trip to Canberra.

They are: Freeman, Butler, Beater, Edmonds (Bankstown), Ahrens, Hardy, Magill, Porter (Riverside Avala), Spilarewics, Lawson (Polonia), Hann (Guildford) and Armytage, Brown and Welton from Canterbury-Marrickville.

Most players have had first division experience in Sydney.

New South Wales officials are expected to name Spilarewics as captain of the side, as he played in Scotland for many years.

Chairman of the NSW Federation second division, Mr Bill Moser, and executive member Mr Peter Coleman, will make the trip.



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WEST GERMANY

West German first division club Cologne drew 3-3 with The Soviet National Team in a friendly soccer match.

The Soviet Team, practically synonymous with the Dynamo Kiev squad, led 3-2 at the interval against a Cologne side containing six reserve players.

The Russians obviously took things easy in view of the European Cup game between Dynamo and St. Etienne of France in six days time.

There were no West German first division games.

BULGARIA

Trakia 2, Levski-Spartak 2, Lokomotiv (Sofia) 1, Lokomotiv (Plovdiv) 1, Slavia 2, Berde 0, Minor 1, Akademik 1, Botev 1, Cska Sept. Znams 3, Zhak Spartak 2, Dounav 0, Pirin 1, Chernо More 0, Spartak 1, Sliven 0.

AUSTRIA

Sturm Graz 3, Austria Klagenfurt 0, Sw Innsbruck 6, Linzer Ask 1, Voest Linz 0, Australia Wac 3, Austria Salzburg 1, Grazer Ak 0, Admira Wacker 0, Rapid Wien Zero 0.

EAST GERMANY

Chemie Leipzig 0, Dynamo Berlin 2, Dynamo Dresden 3, Energie Cottbus 0, Fc Magdeburg 3, Sachsenring Zwickau 1, Wismut 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Fc Karl-Marx-Stadt 2, Lokomotiv Leipzig 1, Chemie Halle 2, Stahl Riesa 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 5, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 2.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Dukla Prague 1, Slovan Bratislava 0, Zbrojovka Brno 3, Lokomotiva Kosice 0, Banik Ostrava 2, Bohemians Prague 1, Liaz Jablonec 1, Tz Trinac 0, Vss Kosice 3, Zvl Zillion 1, Spartak Trvana 0, Skiounion Teplice 1, Slavia Prague 2, Skoda Pizen 1, Inter Bratislava 1, Tz Trencin 1.

PORTUGAL

Vasco Da Gama 2, Lamego 1, Portimonense 3, Portugalgrense 0, Verdim 2, Leiria E Marrazes 0, Gil Vincente 1, Lamas 2, Torres Novas 2, Alba 1, Salgueiros 2, Sesimbra 0, Almada 3, Espinho 2, Orientalon, Penafiel 0.

TURKEY

Galatasaray 0, Ordusport 0, Besiktas 1, Adana D. Spor 1, Goztepe 1, Altay 0, Trabzonspor 0, Ankaragucu 0, Balikesirspor 1, Eskisehirspor 0, Adanaspor 1, Bahce 1, Giresunspor Zonguldakspor (Postponed), Boluspor Bursasspor (Postponed).

FRANCE

Nice 1, Bordeaux 0, Auxerre 0, Marseilles 0, Lens 0, Par St Germain 3, St. Dle 0, Reims 3, Valenciennes 3, Nimes 0, Rennes 0, Metz 2, Brest 0, Lyons 3, Laval 5, Toulouse 1, Chaumont 3, Angers 1, Vauban Strasbourg 2, Bastia 2, Guingamp 1, Lille 2, Meaux 0, Sete 2, Haguenau 0, Nancy 2, Le Pallade Montpellier 2, Dunkirk 3, Beziers 2, Gazelec Ajaccio 0, Troyes 1, Sochaux 1.

ITALY

Ascoli 1, Milan 1, Bologna 1, Lazio 0, Inter 1, Torino 0, Juventus 1, Cagliari 0, Napoli 1, Verona 1, Perugia 2, Fiorentina 1, Roma 2, Como 1, Cesena 1, Sampdoria 0.

POLAND

Zaglebie 1, Polonia 0, Szombierki 2, Stal Rz. 1, Lks Lodz 0, Gka 0, Wisla 1, Stal M. 1, Slask 2, Row 2, Legia 2, Lech 0, Gornik 0, Ruch 0, Pogon 3, Widzew 3.

GREECE

Aek 3, Panachaiki 0, Paok 2, Panetolikos 0, Olympiakos 6, Apollon 0, Panathinaikos 1, Pierikos 1, Yannina 3, Ethnikos 1, Panionios 1, Heraclis 1, Kastoria 1, Atromitos 0, Aris 1, Panserraikos 0.

HOLLAND

Go Ahead Eagles 1, Roda JC 1, Results in the quarter finals of the Dutch Cup: Pec%Zwolle 3, Ajax 0, Eindhoven 2, Az'67 0.

BELGIUM

Waregem 1, Lierse 2, FC Liegeois 2, Racing Malines 1, FC Brugeois 9, Eeklo 2, Anderlecht 7, Lanen 1.

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Alexander to qualify

Fitzroy Alexander will on Friday become the first team to qualify for the Ampol Cup semi-finals.

Alexander will beat improving Ringwood City to bring its points tally to eight. Alexander may even finish the preliminary rounds unbeaten, as it should account for George Cross in the remaining game on March 24.

Footscray JUST should qualify from Section B, but it will have to beat Preston Makedonia on March 13 to make sure.

The other two semi-finalists won't be known until next week. Slavia would strengthen its position by beating Polonia on Saturday night, but it is destined to lose to Hellas the following week.

Similarly, George Cross could beat Sunshine on Friday only to lose to Alexander the following week.

Sunshine coach blasts referee

Sunshine City coach Bobby McLachlan lashed out at referee Jim Brennan after Sunshine had lost 1-0 to Mooroolbark on Friday night.

Mike Clarey (left) who set up Mooroolbark's goal, is shadowed by Steve Kokoska of Sunshine.

McLachlan was upset at the treatment received by some of his players, and at a few of Brennan's decisions.

He said: "As long as you have referees like that, how can you talk about cleaning up soccer.

"How can a referee warn a player umpteen times without taking action?"

McLachlan was obviously referring to the way new Scottish import **Tommy Cumming** was treated by the Mooroolbark players.

During the match, especially late in the game, Cumming hit the turf regularly.

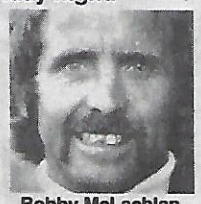
Full back Ian Williamson thought he was performing at Festival Hall instead of Olympic Park.

Sunshine, weakened by injuries, put up another fighting performance against a better equipped and stronger Mooroolbark side.

Mooroolbark's early drive came through **Mike Clarey** and **Graham French**, who joined forces to give their side an early lead.

This goal came at the 10th minute.

All French had to do was kick the ball in, as Clarey had crossed it perfectly.



Bobby McLachlan.

Goalkeeper **Bill Johnson** worked overtime early, and although unable to prevent Mooroolbark from scoring, he was doing well.

Jim McRobert, Cumming and **Kaz Pietrowski** were working hard in Sunshine's attacking zone, but their first half efforts were in vain.

Sunshine jumped Mooroolbark in the second half and looked as though it might go on to win.

The game livened up when Cumming was twice spilled heavily within 10 minutes.

This made Sunshine go in harder and with more determination. Its efforts were not rewarded but they will place it in good stead for the State League season.

PREGNANT WOMEN!

If entertainers in any other field performed as badly as Polonia and J.U.S.T. did on Saturday night, they'd never get a job again.

In the words of a guy pretty close to the Footscray club: "Our players were like pregnant women."

A fellow close to Polonia said of his players: "They were hopeless."

Thank God there were a few honest triers in the game — fellows like **Joe Picioane** and **Zoran Ilioski** of J.U.S.T. and **Barney Klimecki** of Polonia.

Actually, you'd have to say that most of the Polonia players did, at least, try.

Barney Klimecki (Polonia)

They have a lot less ability than the J.U.S.T. men, but they sure have a lot more heart.

Branko Buljevic opened the scoring after only 30 seconds, and then engineered a penalty which **Mendo Ristovski** converted in the 4th. minute.

Polonia won a penalty for handball but **Eddy Lerch**'s shot was ridiculously slow and **Dennis Boland** saved easily.

Polonia had the ball in the net in the 71st. minute but for some reason, the referee disallowed the goal. These were the two chances Polonia needed to equalise. With a little more luck, it could have done so. It would have served J.U.S.T. right!

Phil Williamson, of Ringwood Wilhelmina.

It's Michael Lazarus!

The comeback of Mike O'Hara must surely rival that of Lazarus. In only his third game in 14 months, O'Hara did all in his power to save the game for Hakoah, but he battled in vain.

He need shoulder no blame for the goal that finally gave the points to Preston Makedonia. Indeed, the entire Hakoah defence played well once again.

It was in attack that Hakoah exposed its Achilles heel.

Stewart Blair battled gamely but he lacked the support of a hard, tough striker who can mix it with defenders. That's, what Hakoah lacks. That's why it has so much trouble scoring goals.

The Makedonia players had reason to feel pleased with themselves. **Cele Presilski** returned to the form that has made him such a champion in past seasons, winger **David Jones** had his first good game, and once again, **Bill McIntyre** proved to be the matchwinner.

Jones set up the goal from the right. McIntyre just happened to be in the right place and lashed out at it.

ROUND FIVE DETAILS

Ringwood Wilhelmina 2 (Mullett 13th, Brown 85th) Juventus 1 (Sabidussi 27th).

Player ratings, from one to 10:

RINGWOOD: van Egmond 5; Adams 7; Garthwaite 5; Ward 5; Bray 5; (injured, sub Verniers 75th); Smith 4 (Brown 5, 44th min); Holding 6; O'Callaghan 6; Williamson 7; Lynn 5; Mullett 5.

JUVENTUS: Harby 5; Dilizza 5; Barbieri 5; Della Rocca 5; Sabadini 5; Sabidussi 5; C. Lucchesi 7; Marshall 5; Vojtek 5; J. Lucchesi 5; Parisi 4 (Santangelo half time, 4).

Mooroolbark 1 (French 10th) Sunshine 0.

MOOROOLBARK: Hawke 5; Bailey 5; Plunkett 5; Vaughan 5; Williamson 4; Sinclair 5; Thorn 5 (O'Toole 61st); A. Pongho 5; Clarey 6; French 6; S. Pongho 5.

SUNSHINE: Johnson 5; Laing 6; Kokoska 5; Lewis 5; Petrov 5; Howe 5; (Tear 66th); McCarthy 5; Smith 5; Cumming 6; Pietrowski 6; McRobert 5.

Footscray JUST 2 (Buljevic 1st min, Ristovski penalty 4th) Polonia 0.

JUST: Boland 6; Parrott 5; Kriaris 5; Kondarios 5; Kazi 5; Ilioski 6; Zoraja 5 (Adamgikis 4, half time); Picioane 6; Palinkas 5; Buljevic 5; Ristovski 5.

POLONIA: Szalinski 5; S. Klain 5; Dziedzic 5; Czerniecki 5; Klimecki 6; Lipiarski 5; Dykun 5 (Esposito 45th); Lerch 6; Nierobicz 4; W. Klain 5; Herman 4.

Makedonia 1 (McIntyre 36th) Hakoah 0.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 6; Trajkovski 5; McCracken (injured, sub Blacker 5, 13th min), Campbell 5; Harrison 5; Presilski 6; McIntyre 7; Fox 5; Jones 6; Gilmour 5; Grannon 5 (Stojanovski 55th).

HAKOAH: O'Hara 7; Hammond 6; Baker 6; Durand 6; Dosen 5; Gadsby 5; Lukic 5; Roberts 5; Blair 6; Wallace 5.

Total player rating points up to and including round five:

Players with four games:

26: Harby (Juv), C. Lucchesi (Juv).

25: Boland (JUST), Hammond (Hak), Baker (Hak), Durand (Hak).

Players with three games:

21: Xanthopoulos (Hellas).

20: Bourne (Hellas), P. Bannon (Alex), Williamson (Ring), McIntyre (Mak).

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alexander	3	0	0	4	1	6
GC-Courage	2	0	1	3	1	4
Mooroolbark	2	0	2	2	2	4
Sunshine	1	0	2	5	4	2
Juventus	1	0	3	2	4	2
Ringwood-W	1	0	2	3	7	2

SECTION B

	w	d	l	f	a	Pts
JUST	3	0	1	7	2	6
Hakoah	2	0	2	3	2	4
Makedonia	2	0	1	2	2	4
Slavia	2	0	1	3	3	4
Hellas	1	0	2	4	3	2
Polonia	0	0	3	0	8	0

Top scorers: 3 goals: Ristovski (JUST); 2 goals: Ollerton (Hellas), Pocock (Sunshine), French (Mooroolbark), Buljevic (JUST), McIntyre (Makedonia).

TEAM OF THE WEEK

O'HARA (Hakoah)

ADAMS (Ring) — JORDANOU (Hakoah) — BAKER (Hakoah) — KLIMECKI (Polonia)

McINTYRE (Mak) — C. LUCCHESI (Juventus) — PRESILSKI (Mak)

WILLIAMSON (Ring) — PIOTROWSKI (Sunshine) — FRENCH (M'bark)

THIS WEEK

This week's matches at Olympic Park, with likely winners in capitals:

Friday, 7.30 pm: GC/Courage v SUNSHINE, 9 pm ALEXANDER v Ringwood-Wilhelmina.

Saturday, 7.30 pm: SLAVIA v Polonia, 9 pm HELLAS v Makedonia.

JUVENTUS WOEFUL

Juventus played its worst game for a long time to be beaten by Ringwood — Wilhelmina in their match on Friday night, — despite the lion-hearted display of brilliant midfielder Claude Lucchesi.

Juventus — the giantkiller of Australian soccer in 1970 — looked more like a second rate schoolboy side.

Ringwood's 2-1 victory gave the club its first success for the Ampol Cup series.

David Brown kicked his side to a win in extra time.

Clive Mullett gave Ringwood a handy 1-0 lead when he found the net at the 13th minute.

Juventus had a big show of equalising minutes later when **Claude Lusshesi** brought the ball down and, kicked it to **Bill Vojtek**, who whipped it back to that player for a shot.

Lucchesi's accurate kick went straight into keeper **Nick van Egmond**.

Juventus was on the attack, but shots by Vojek and **John Lucchesi** were misdirected.

At the 27th minute, Juventus struck back and levelled the score.

Vojtek gained the ball, dribbled past defenders and crossed it into a perfect position for **Bruno Sabidussi** to head a goal.

Ringwood's standing in the match was due to the good efforts of **Keith Adams, John O'Callaghan, Paul Holding** and **Phil Williamson.**

Ringwood started the better side in the second half and kept the Juventus defence under constant pressure.

Goalkeeper Mike Harby's only mistake cost a goal and the match.

Harby got a dose of the fumbles and **Brown** got one past him to seal the match.

The shooting by both sides in the second half was haphazard and thoughtless.

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GREEN

Opinions of our national coach, Brian Green

Contrary to all our expectations, participation in the World Cup doesn't seem to have done anything to improve senior soccer in Australia.

All that people want to do is wait for the next World Cup and watch English "Star Soccer" on TV.

One fault perhaps, has been the administration of the game in Australia.

As I've said before, they've played at soccer here; they haven't worked at it. There doesn't seem to have been much liaison nation-wide during these past 10 years.

To get some of the lost fans back into soccer, we must do something to brighten the product.

It's obvious from the crowds at international matches that there is support here for soccer.

The fans will go to watch overseas teams, yet they won't see the local sides.

Soccer was improved and brightened up in the U.S. We can do the same thing here, albeit on a smaller scale due to our financial restrictions.

I'm trying to play my part by brightening up the national team, by encouraging a more positive attitude by the players.

I want to put fun back into the game.

I may not be successful, but I'm willing to put my head on the chopping block and try.

I want soccer to entertain people. Of course it's extremely important to a coach to win games, but to win and to play attractively at the same time is the ultimate.

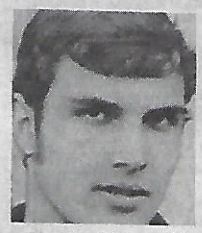
I want to strive for that. I want to try to produce an interesting product that people will want to watch.

Don't get me wrong. I take my hat off to all concerned for getting into the World Cup finals, for it was a magnificent achievement.

I came here not knowing what methods, what ideas had been used. I came here wanting to try my own ideas.

Basically, my ideas are about goals. Goals are the name of the game, so I go out to try to win a game rather than to try not to lose it.

Branko Blaupunkt - he'd be rolling in dough



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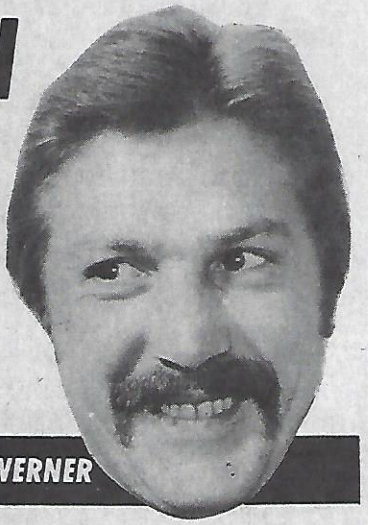

KNUT WERNER

I have received word that the Victorian State League is to be televised again this year.

Before the season starts I, in the interests of those players wishing to come across with decided savoir faire, list below my resume of do's and dont's when appearing on camera.

First, let me stress that shorts must no longer be baggy, as we have to contend with close-ups.

Shorts should be not too tight, so as not to restrict action both on and off the playing area. Conversely, they will be tight enough to prevent sniggering and giggles when a player falls awkwardly to the ground, legs skyward.

This applies especially to red haired chaps wearing dark knickers.

The practice of stuffing the odd sock down the front as ballet dancers do is forthwith banned.

Shirts will carry numbers as minute as possible to prevent identification on the video disc replay after a misdemeanour like giving the mafia death flick behind the referee's back.

Attire should be based on the German example as seen on television a few weeks back, where not a run or crooked seam was to be spotted on their panty hose.

Let us now look at personal decorum.

Appendages will be fixed before leaving the dressing room and the habit of sinus clearing after the style of farmers in the field and peasants must cease at once.

It the occasion arises that the passages require ablution to prevent asphyxiation, the method to follow follows.

Find a group of opposing players, mingle quickly, throw yourself violently onto the ground and begin to writhe.

Kleenex

This will be followed by a chap running out to your position. From him take the tissue box, turn over once away from camera, relieve congestion and hand back used tissue.

Always remember that the action has now stopped and the cameras are trained solely on you. Seizing this opportunity, smile and hold the box of tissues clear of other players and towards camera.

Presto! Up to your nasals in Kleenex for life.

You are now getting the drift of my next point, inadvertent, intensional advertising.

In television, the technical term for it is PAYOLA.

An appearance on the box without payola is denying capitalism and showing a desire to pay for everything.

Let not a goalkeeper play up on a pitch without propping a carton of Kent against the upright and, if the game is particularly one sided never fail to light one up.

Tony Charlton of GTV 9

If possible, mouth the word WOW.

A player warming up to replace a fellow advertiser has a perfect cover to display various goods and services.

The director will inevitably locate this procedure, so warm up with a placard under each arm informing the televiewers that Brendan Edwards built your body and how Adidas and ICI Pink bats keep you warm both at the ground and at home.

Trainers at half time can, during the interview, mention how confident they are of the outcome because the Great Western champagne has already been ordered.

Players might like to go so far as to change their names so **Tony Charlton** is forced to advertise for them each time he calls the action.

Billy Vojtek could become **Billy Datsunsubaru**, we can have **Branko Blaupunkt** and **Jim Armstrong-Shock-Absorbers.**

The possibilities are endless.

Several players have been doing this for years of course. You may have noticed that whenever a free kick or corner ball is placed, they keep turning it over and over until the brand name is facing up.

I personally know of one part-time player who is in the possession of 500 soccer balls.

Whisky

There is also a scotch whisky with a certain tartan pattern as its trade mark. Now, if a team here looking to change its colors, I'm willing to divulge the name of the company for a consideration.

Let us turn to television as a comunication medium.

To send messages while being telecast live has its possibilities. Naturally the deaf mute player has the advantage here.

For instance, to tell friends and relatives you are not coming home for tea, at an opportune moment the ball can be placed up the jumper for a few seconds indicating that you have already eaten.

To suggest that you are not coming home at all, shove the ball up a little higher and smirk.

The point must be raised about the use of four letter words to express dscontentment with opponents. These are too easily recognised, so longer terms must be employed for putting down players.

This is my suggested vocabulary for use on camera: Ahyourmotherisabargainhunter or Refereeyoumoonlightasaviliageidoit or Goandautoinflictblindness.

These phrases are guaranteed not to be picked up, regardless of the closeup the director chooses.

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Bailey coach

Langwarrin will be back as a force in the Victoria Provisional League this season.

Former player **John Bailey** will act as coach in 1976.

Bailey, who was player-coach of a northern England team, has not been involved with the sport over the past couple of seasons. He has not yet decided whether to play or not.

His assistant will be **Ivor Wilson,** who is a member of the club's top side.

Langwarrin fields two senior teams and plans to have three junior sides.

The club is busy organising a committee to run the year's social activities.

This season the committee will have a new look as present day players will be allowed to stand for election.

Let Govt. run your soccer: Dempsey

The secretary of the Oceania Football Confederation, Mr Charles Dempsey has suggested that Australia's soccer administrators should resign and allow the government to run the sport.

"If the government is going to interfere in the sport of your country, then the government might as well run it," Mr Dempsey said.

He was commenting on reports that the Federal Government would not allow the Taiwan national team into Australia to play its World Cup qualifying match against the Socceroos.

The Australian Soccer Federation president, **Sir Arthur George**, told of the Government's decision at the Oceania Confederation meeting in Auckland last Saturday.

The Immigration Department in Canberra confirmed the ban on Taiwan.

A statement said: "It would be inconsistent with the Australian Government's recognition of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China for the Australian Government to grant approval for the entry into Australia of a soccer team purporting to represent the Republic of China."

At the Oceania meeting, the Confederation offered Australia provisional membership until the international soccer federation, FIFA, decides at its July Congress on whether China should be admitted to FIFA.

China has made it clear it would not be a member if Taiwan is retained.

The Australian delegates rejected Oceania's offer of provisional membership.

In doing so, Sir Arthur George forfeited the position of Oceania delegate to the FIFA congress — a position he almost certainly would have been given.

As it turned out, Mr Dempsey was made the delegate.

Mr Dempsey, in Melbourne for the Australia v New Zealand match at Olympic Park said: "Oceania would welcome Australia, but no-one can make terms before they're members.

"Australia would have to join first, before it started trying to change things.

"We're leaving the question of Taiwan to the July congress of FIFA.

"Why should Australia set itself up in judgement?

"People in sport should keep out of politics.

"If Australia's government is going to interfere, let it run soccer by itself."

The member countries of the Oceania Confederation are New Zealand, Fiji, New Hebrides, Tahiti, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Taiwan.

Australia is due to play World Cup qualifying games against New Zealand and Taiwan next year.

Because it cannot play against Taiwan in Australia, their two matches have been planned tentatively for Fiji on July 6 and 10, 1977.

Other dates for qualifying games, with the first named team playing at home, are: July 3: Australia v New Zealand, July 13: New Zealand v Taiwan, July 17: New Zealand v Australia, July 20: New Zealand v Taiwan.

CONVINCING ENOUGH!

AUCKLAND — Australia had its first victory in New Zealand since 1958 when it beat the New Zealand national team 1-0 in a preview of their World Cup elimination matches next year.

Australia's winning margin may have been a slender one, but its superiority on the field was convincing enough.

Strikers **Peter Ollerton** and **Murray Barnes** played particularly well, looking for goals like hungry wolves.

With a little luck each would have scored at least one.

Colin Bennett, who had been such a failure in the first half of the game against Velez Mostar in Sydney, was a much improved player and **George Harris**, back for one of his occasional international games, sparkled at left back.

However, Harris and **Jim Tansey** before him can be considered only as stand-ins until either **Harry Williams** or **Col Curran** return to the national squad.

Both Curran and Williams have suffered injuries that seem to go with the left back position like some witch's curse.

Bobby Hogg before them was also forced out of the squad due to an injury.

Coach **Brian Green** included young St. George striker **Mark Jankovic** for his first international match.

However, nerves got the better of him and Jankovic was replaced by **John Nyskohus** in the second half.

The winning goal was scored by midfielder Dave Harding with a 25-metre drive in the 78th. minute.

Murray Barnes (left) goes around full back Ian Park in the Australia v New Zealand game in Auckland.

The match was anything but World Cup class, with the Australians having a feast of possession in the first half in particular, but failing to capitalise.

Green said after the match: "Things are beginning to take shape and the boys did very well."

Australia had nearly a score of scoring chances, but most of the shooting was wild or lacking in power.

Harding's goal was a fine solo effort.

He took the ball from his own half past five New Zealand players to belt home the winner high into the right-hand corner of the net.

The young New Zealand goalkeeper, **Parven Jeram**, who had played faultlessly under considerable pressure, was given no chance.

It was tentative rather than tense football for much of the time, and New Zealand, short of practice as a team, had only one shot at goal for every three Australian attempts.

But the nearest thing to a goal in the first half came from New Zealand linkman **Dave Taylor.**

He caught Clarke out of his ground and booted a scorcher from 30 metres out. It slammed into the cross-bar and bounced out to play.

In the second half, finding the Australians were making the chances but muffing them, the home team took heart.

It began opening up a bit and produced some snappy passing and good solo runs.

Both sides often kicked back to their keeper to relieve pressure.

Once, Australian captain Peter Wilson poked a hard short-range ball back to keeper Clarke, seeming to surprise him.

Clarke fielded the ball cleanly enough, but if he had not reacted quickly it would have gone into the Australian net.

AUSTRALIA: Clarke; Utjesenovic, Wilson, Bennett, Harris; Rooney, Harding, Muniz; Jankovic (Nyskohus), Ollerton, Barnes.

NEW ZEALAND: Jeram; Sibley, Houghton, Elrick, Park; Turner, Fleet, Taylor; Thomas, Campbell, Ormond.

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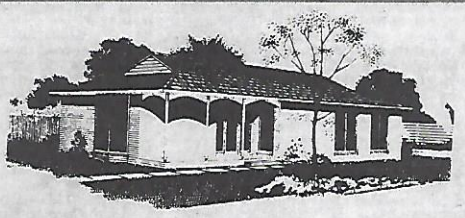

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Why no names?

SIR — On the last three Saturday evenings my two sons and I have journeyed to Olympic Park to see the local teams competing for the Ampol Cup.

Like many other television viewers who also go regularly to Australian Rules football, we have started to enjoy soccer and thought we should extend our interest to the local scene.

The main reason we haven't enjoyed the games as much as we might have is the promoters' determination to keep the players' names a very tight secret.

The first thing any spectator wants to know at any sporting event is the names of the competitors. At Ampol Cup games this basic information is virtually impossible to obtain.

On Friday I rang the Victorian Soccer Federation to inquire how to obtain the teams for Saturday. I was told that the teams would be announced at the ground.

I already knew from past experience that that would be hopeless but last Saturday I decided to try again to catch a few names.

To avoid the racket in the stand which completely drowns out the announcement, I stood under a loud-speaker at the side of the building.

The announcer rattled off about 30 names so rapidly I caught about three of them.

As you know, most of those names are European — hard to understand and hard to spell. And to make it a complete joke, there is always only one announcement of the teams at the noisiest possible time — when the teams are running out on to the ground.

So, last Saturday, all those soccer personalities you write about in "Soccer Action" were there in front of us — but we did not know who was who.

We thought that No. 8 for Haboah was pretty good. We think he was No. 9 a week or two before but none of the European migrants around us knew his name.

Last Monday we read the goal-kickers in the morning paper. We will find out who scored 3 goals for Footscray JUST and one for Hakoah. We may never know who tried so hard in No. 11 guernsey for Juventus.

What a ridiculous situation. No wonder Australians don't go. And I believe this competition has been run in this off-handed way for about 20 years.

Has anyone ever thought of asking the daily newspapers to print the teams on Fridays? And more important — haven't the promoters of the Ampol Cup ever thought of giving or selling their customers a single roneoed sheet of paper to tell them the numbers of Buljevic and Nierobicz and Kokkinos and Ristovski? After all, they are the people we go along to see.

Norman Blyth,
South Yarra. Vic.

Testimonials applauded

SIR — As a spectator for many years, I feel that a testimonial tribute to long standing players would be beneficial to the players, the soccer federation, the spectators as well as the clubs, adding a touch of professionalism to the game as a whole.

It would give the player for whom the testimonial is being held a fitting reward and end to a career of dedication and untiring service for his club.

It would encourage the younger members, as they would feel that a career in soccer would not be wasted.

The soccer federation would also benefit from the foresight and courage to introduce testimonials, not to mention financially.

Spectators, clubs and players would feel that the Federation was working together with them for the betterment of soccer in Australia.

Clubs would benefit because players and spectators would appreciate the club more if it were to honor a player for long services.

I am sure spectators would flock to see their favorite player being paid the tribute he deserves.

It would give the spectator that little bit of added interest, something which is different from the norm throughout the year.

This added interest could be what soccer needs at the moment.

I feel that Selwyn Park in Sunshine would be an ideal location and should be accepted.

The federation should take a 5 to 10 per cent cut from international games towards a testimonial fund, helped of course by the respective clubs.

A small fee could be charged and this could be put towards the fund or donated to the player.

If possible, other clubs should donate the services of their outstanding players to form opposition teams.

We must look to the future as far as soccer is concerned.

We should honor the player of the future, go forward not back. Begin this season and do not look to the past.

If not in skill then at least in respect for its players, Australia can be equal to Europe.

K. Strzelczyk,
Niddrie. Vic.

Salute to Bedford

SIR: I am writing in reference to your article on testimonials, ('Soccer Action' Feb 18) for past and future players, but before I go any further there is one player whom I think you have forgotten.

His name is John Bedford.

He played 16 years of state league soccer, two years with Box Hill — and 14 years with SM Hellas as well as two years in 1st division with Box Hill before the state league even started, so if anyone deserves a testimonial, John Bedford does.

John Bedford has also played many games for Victoria, and it would be fitting for the Victorian Soccer Federation to make him a life member in recognition for his services to Victorian Soccer.

He is still playing and has been appointed coach of 2nd division club, Moreland.

John thinks he should now give something back to soccer by coaching the clubs in the metropolitan leagues.

I think that anyone who has played 10 years with one club, should be given a testimonial for his services to that club, as they do overseas in the UK and Europe.

Soccer Fan,
Mooroolbark. Vic.

Improve the press

SIR: Is soccer a workable proposition in Australia?

Why is the international game of soccer dragging its feet here? I don't consider this the fault of the public but rather the fault of the eye of the public, The Press.

Press coverage is vital for the existence of any sport, but at present the amount of Press coverage given to The World's No. 1 Sport is woeful.

It is dismal for instance to pick up the "Sun" (not the only offender), to find a report on Australia v Velez compressed to all but nothingness.

I firmly believe, however, that "Soccer Action" is helping to break the drought of desert soccer reporting. But can you do it alone?

Television coverage is by far the most cruel to local soccer fans.

In Melbourne channels 2, 7, 0 bore us with Aussie rules in winter.

On Sunday we receive the replay of the replay of the replays. Talk about brainwashing!

Note that these three stations do bring us international soccer, as it does wonders for the ratings. But why no local soccer?

Channel 9 — I believe thanks here must go to the VFL for its money wrangles with GTV9 — gives us the only local soccer coverage.

Now we come to the poor commentary. I have nothing against Tony Charlton and his friendly referee, but their commentary leaves a lot to be desired. It lacks the style, the fire, the excitement of Hugh Johns, Jimmy Hill etc.

Must our ears be invaded by Tony's two proverbial questions: "What is offside?" and: "Is it as controversial as holding the ball in VFL?"

Scouse Soccer Fan,
PS Could British complaceney be due to seeing 2½ hours of British soccer a week?

Bikinis are out

SIR — I am writing this letter because of my love for soccer and my firm belief that it is primarily a sport and not a business venture.

The way in which exhibition internationals are conducted (at least in Victoria) clearly indicates that at present these priorities are reversed.

The VSF throw together a bunch of players so that the visitors have somebody to beat and the crowd has sombody to abuse, and after the game the biggest news is the amount of profit they made.

There are some pertinent questions to be asked. Do we Victorians really have a state team? Do we have at least a standard cheer or Chant or even better, a song? Unfortunately no!

What has to be realized is that we could have all of these without great difficulty. There surely is a poet among us who can arrange a cheer and a song which could be printed at a small cost and made available at the gates free for the next couple of internationals.

As for the state team why could not an Australian annual or biannual competition be held for a cup, at the end of the season? This would be conducive to a collective spirit in each state (would it not be nice to see all supporters from different clubs and nationalities all cheering their state team?). This would enhance the status of representing a state team as well as giving the national selectors a chance to survey the available talent so that a truly representative Australian side can be assembled, not having NSW double as the national team.

What I have called for in this letter is a return to true values of sport and not its perversion through obsession with money.

If this is done the money will come afterwards.

More recognition to past stars and certainly no bikini birds and hard sell, Mr Werner, because it is so plastic.

Millan Poropat,
Vic.

U.K. SCORES

English Football League — Cup final: Manchester City 2, Newcastle United 1 (at Wembley).

English Division One — Birmingham 1, Norwich 1; Burnley 2, Aston Villa 2; Coventry 0, Leeds United 1; Derby 1, Liverpool 1; Everton 3, Wolve 0; Manchester United 4, West Ham 0; Middlesbrough 0, Arsenal 1; Sheffield United 0, Queens Park Rangers 0; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Leicester 1; Ipswich v Manchester City — postponed; Newcastle United v Stoke — postponed.

Division Two — Bolton 1, Hull 0; Bristol Rovers 1, Blackpool 1; Chelsea 3, Blackburn 1; Luton 2, Sunderland 0; Nottingham Forest 4, Oldham 3; Orient 2, Fulham 0; Oxford United 2, Plymouth 2; Portsmouth 1, Notts County 3; York 2, Southampton 1; West Bromwich v Bristol City — postponed.

Friday — Charlton 4, Carlisle 2.

Division Three — Aldershot 3, Rotherham 0; Cardiff 2, Chester 0; Grimsby 1, Swindon 0; Halifax 0, Bury 2; Millwall 2, Chesterfield 0; Port Vale 3, Colchester United 2; Preston 0, Mansfield 2; Wrexham 3, Brighton 0; Shrewsbury v Sheffield. Wednesday — postponed.

Friday — Peterborough 0, Hereford 3; Southend 1, Crystal Palace 2; Walsall 4, Gillingham 0.

Division Four — Barnsley 3, Hartlepool 1; Bradford 0, Swansea 0; Brentford 0, Cambridge United 0; Exeter 3, Newport 0; Huddersfield 3, Reading 0; Rochdale 2, Southport 0; Torquay United 4, Stockport 1; Workington 0, Tranmere Rovers 1; Bournemouth v Lincoln City — postponed.

Friday — Crewe v Watford — postponed (now playing Wed., March 3); Doncaster 3, Darlington 2; Northampton 2, Scunthorpe 1.

Southern League Premier Division: Atherstone 1, Weymouth 1; Bedford 0, Bath 0; Cambridge City 0, Gravesend 0.

Scottish Premier Division — Aberdeen 3, St. Johnstone 0; Celtic 4, Hibernian 0; Dundee United 1, Dundee 0; Hearts 1, Ayr United 0; Motherwell 0, Rangers 1.

Division One — Arbroath 3, Clyde 0; Dunfermline 0, Dumbarton 3; Falkirk 1, St. Mirren 1; Hamilton 2, Airdrieonians 1; Morton 3, East Fife 0; Partick Thistle 4, Montrose 1; Queen of the South 2, Kilmarnock 1.

Division Two — Albion Rovers 0, Queens Park 0; Alloa 4, Cowdenbeath 0; Brechin City 2, Stirling Albion 3; Clydebank 2, Forfar Athletic 0; Raith Rovers 0, East Stirling 0; Stenhousemuir 2, Meadowbank 1; Stranraer 1, Berwick Rangers 2.

Northern Irish League — Ballymena United v Crusaders postponed; Bangor 1, Coleraine 0; Cliftonville 2, Ards 2; Distillery 1, Larne 2; Linfield 0, Glenavon 0; Portadown 0, Glentoran 2.

Draw for the Irish Cup Semi-Finals (March 13): Glentoran v Linfield, Coleraine or Carrick Rangers v Larne.

World Cup

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F.I.F.A. officials in Zurich are remaining cagey for the good reason that President Joao Havelange, of Brazil, is in an extremely delicate position. If the Argentine forfeits the final, Brazil is the logical country to take over, but that could be diplomatic dynamite for Havelange.

Spain has again asserted it does not want the finals before 1982. In the background, Mexico, West Germany, Holland and Belgium, England and Scotland have all let it be known that they would be prepared to take over.

Star players should go into schools

JIM ARMSTRONG

As a physical education instructor, and current member of Kingswood College, Box Hill, it makes me envious when I see Australian Rules football players attending schools and presenting football clinics for the students.

These clinics generally run one to one-and-a-half hours and the students gain first hand knowledge from these football stars.

The Victorian Football League has a fund, and pays these players approximately $12 each per clinic.

This brings me to the question: Why can't the VSF have something on similar lines?

Why can't the State League and Metropolitan League clubs send their players to schools to teach the boys the fundamentals of soccer?

I know that the director of coaching, Ron Smith, does a lot for the game by arranging clinics during the school holidays. He also travels around the colleges instructing future teachers in the fundamentals of our sport, so that they in turn can disseminate these skills to their students.

This is great, but is it enough?

There is no substitution for soccer players themselves performing this function after school time.

I am sure there would be enough players interested in visiting schools in their areas to pass on their skills to the young members of the community.

Remember! The players of tomorrow will the the product of the coaches of today.

Peter McKenna — a former goal kicking machine with Melbourne Australian Rules club Collingwood — will play football again this year.

McKenna will play for VFA club Oakleigh in 1976.

McKenna, 29, played 183 games and kicked about 840 goals for Collingwood. He started in 1965.

He was injured in a match last year and had part of his kidney removed. Most people thought this would be the end of his career.

McKenna said: "I love playing football. People say I'm stupid to play again but I believe I can do it."

Testimonials - reward for loyalty

PETER McKENNA

Testimonials are a fitting reward for a player who has given a club — and it doesn't matter in which sport — outstanding service over many years.

I have been on the receiving ed of a testimonial and believe me, it's a great thrill to know your efforts have been appreciated.

Clubs should be duty-bound to look after a player who has given great service. This includes soccer clubs.

A testimonial is a good finale to a person whose career has revolved around a club, a player who has given it a good name and made it a household term.

Top sportsmen lift the image of a club.

It's sad to see a champion bowing out of a sport to be farewelled only by the words: "See you later mate."

Testimonials can work out to a lot of money and it's bad if a sportsman who deserves it is not looked after.

Collingwood looks after its captains and players who have given the club outstanding service.

Most League clubs have a working system similar to this.

Not many sportsmen do get a testimonial, and I would like to see a 10-year stay with a club as a standard requirement.

It's a long time to be with the one club and a testimonial would give the incentive to stay.

Testimonial money is not taxed as contract money. This is another good point to remember.

My testimonial was organised by the Collingwood Supporters' Group.

It was late last year and was a family type activity at the ground.

It was a great thrill to see so many supporters and families at the ground and it's a good feeling to see that your efforts and loyalty have been appreciated.

Not many players get a testimonial, so I was indebted to the people who went to the trouble of organising one for me.

Soccer should follow the VFL's lead.

Alexander best player award

George Tsakeridis of Moderno Fashions, Moray Street, South Melbourne, is presenting a pair of jeans or a shirt to Alexander's best player every week.

The first winner was John Nicolaides.

WORLD YOUTH TITLES START IN 1977

The first world youth tournament for players between 16 and 19 will be played next year in Tunisia.

Sixteen countries will compete: There will be six from Europe, three from South America, two each from Africa, Asia and Concacaf (Middle and North America) plus the host, Tunisia.

The series is planned from June 27 to July 10, 1977.

A sponsor seems to have been found, although the contracts have not yet been finally settled.

It is not known whether Australia will try to participate in the series.

Despite the great cost involved, such a competition would be invaluable to young Australian players with the potential to eventually reach the national team.

Set for a hat-trick

Former Yugoslav international goalkeeper Blagoje Vidinic is poised for a unique treble.

In 1970 he coached Morocco to the World Cup finals in Mexico.

Four years later he led Zaire to the finals in West Germany.

Now Vidinic is national coach of Colombia.

Since South America will have extra places in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, Vidinic has a great chance to complet his hat-trick.

- **He is pictured at extreme left after Morocco had drawn 1-1 with Bulgaria in the 1970 World Cup finals.**

Crash in Africa

Yugoslavia had some good news and some bad news recently.

The good news: Hajduk Split beat the USSR national team 3-0, with all goals being scored by Jerkovic.

The bad news: The Yugoslav national team, including its Hajduk players, went to Africa and lost 1-2 to Tunisia!

England following Europe's example

THE TACTICAL revolution sweeping the English First Division — elimination of the stopper centre-half — is epitomised by League leaders Liverpool and Manchester United.

***PHIL THOMPSON** of Liverpool may yet do for **Don Revie** what **Martin Buchan** does for Scotland and what **Arie Haan** and **Franz Beckenbauer** have done for Holland and West Germany.*

Martin Buchan (Man. Utd.)

Liverpool striker **Kevin Keegan**, having his best ever season in that devastating partnership with **John Toshack**, says:

"The day of the stopper has gone. We're falling into line with Holland and other Continentals. More and more teams are realising you've got to have the bal' to play the game. It's no use giving it away.

"I think Liverpool are now playing the most entertaining, exciting football in my five years with the club. The whole team is full of ability. I've never enjoyed the game so much".

Keegan says: "Martin Buchan is the most extreme example of the ball-playing defender. He sometimes takes breathtaking risks to retain possession rather than hit an optimistic pass.

"One of the effects of the change in the game is that whereas three years ago, when I first gained a bit of a reputation, defenders were trying to break my legs, now I haven't had a bad injury all season. Look how few injuries United have had.

"There's a growing mood of live and let live, the brightest development in the game, even though we're still playing it hard.

"Skilful players are at last able to express themselves. This is the effect of the disciplinary clampdown three years ago. It's great for the players and great for entertainment and the public."

Moscow yields to Kiev

Soviet champion Dynamo Kiev has been the most consistently supported team in the country over the past four years.

Its average attendance has been just under 45,000 a match.

Ararat Everan comes next with 39,000 while Zenit Leningrad has 31,600.

Gone it seems are the days when Moscow clubs dominated the scene in the USSR.

North Korea for Canada

JAKARTA. North Korea earned a berth in the Olympic soccer tournament at Montreal with a 5-4 penalty victory over Indonesia in the final of the five-nation qualifying tournament here.

There was no score after 30 minutes of extra time.

Malaysia, Singapore, and Papua New Guinea also took part in the tournament.

The Koreans, who qualified for the 1966 World Cup finals, thus complete the tournament as the only unbeaten team.

But it has been the fast improving Indonesians who have given them their toughest matches.

In their earlier encounter the Koreans came through with a 2-1 win, conceding their only goal for the series.

They had less trouble beating both Singapore and Malaysia by 2-0 margins each and Papua New Guinea by 4-0.

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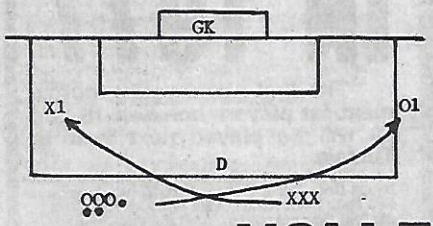

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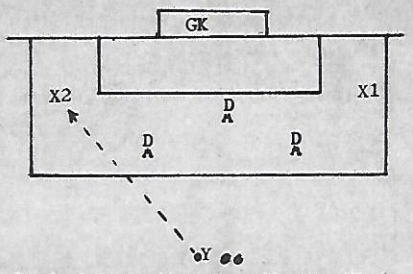

Practice 5: O starts with the ball and moves towards X. X crosses over with O in front of the defender, D, and takes the ball. O and X continue running to positions O1 and X1. X crosses the ball for O to attack and volley. O then joins the X line and X joins the O line.

Practice 6: Y serves high balls to either X1 or X2 who must head the ball into the area for the attackers to shoot.

VOLLEYING

A high percentage of shooting opportunities comes from dropping or bouncing balls in or around the penalty area. They are often the result of a poor clearance by a defender or from an attacker heading the ball down.

Attackers have to be quick to take such opportunities, and in many cases they have to strike the ball before it hits the ground (volleying) or just as the ball bounces (half volley).

When volleying a dropping ball, it must be kicked through the top half or centre of the ball in order to keep it down.

The pivot or side volley is often used. It is shown in figs 1 & 2.

Gordon has the talent

Gordon Livingstone (above) is one of the better known junior players in the Melbourne club.

Gordon is a midfielder with exceptional ability and stamina, possessing all the signs of becoming a top-class player.

Gordon has been the driving force of his team and although he's played competitively for four or five years, his enthusiasm is still sky high.

He scored 34 goals

Thirteen-year-old Ridvan Ergun (above) is Kensington United's most promising junior player.

Last season Ridvan scored 34 goals to be the top goalkicker of the year.

Ridvan, who was born in Ankara, Turkey, is in form two at Essendon technical school, Vic.

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PAUL ONTONG

Q: What is your favorite meal? (question by Spiro Anselmi, Gloucester Road, Hurstville, NSW).

A: I love Chinese duck. It's my favorite. We once had some Chinese people boarding at our house and they introduced me to it. I have liked it ever since. I would have it about once a month, but generally it doesn't bother me what I eat or when I eat it.

Q: Do you wear a special pair of boots, socks or jumper? (Question by Mark Clohesy, Mt Macedon, Vic).

A: My favorite jumper is number seven and I try and get that one every week. I also have a habit of placing my boots down as soon as I enter the dressing room.

Q: Who is the hardest opponent you have played on? (Question by Hank Zimmer, St Georges Road, Preston, Vic).

A: Arthur Xanthopoulos of South Melbourne Hellas would be the hardest. He's a sweeping type of player who is extremely cool and cunning and I always have trouble against him.

Q: Do you get nervous before a game, and if so how do you try to overcome it? (Question by Zoran Milenkovic, Bayswater Road, Kings Cross, NSW).

A: Yes, I do get nervous. When I'm nervous I just sit down in the room and concentrate on the match. I usually play better when I'm nervous because I concentrate more. When I am not nervous I have a free and easy attitude and don't think about the match.

Q: Do you model your game on that of any other player? (Question by George Braeberg, Maroondah Highway, Mitcham, Vic).

A: No, I just play my own style and take things as they come along. My favorite footballers are **Rodney Marsh** and **Francis Lee.**

They rewrote the records

Pegasus under 10 side had a faultless record last season.

The team, which competes in the Latrobe Valley Junior League, gained the maximum number of points, 28.

It also won the Latrobe Valley Cup, the eastern zone league and a champion of champions title.

The boys set a league record by scoring 84 goals and having only three scored against them.

Highlights of the Pegasus junior club over the past four years have been: The under 8 side being undefeated and winning the league title in 1974 and the under 10's winning a six-a-side tournament.

WITH THE JUNIORS

From left: Stuart Kingsbury, Danny Corbett, Robert Hutchinson, Ian McLeod, Nepolio Serepisos, Charlie Cassar (capt), George Gatt, Angelo Bezzina and Phil Lepetit (coaches), Malcolm McStay (v-c), Alex Van Den Dolder, Frank Bezzina, Jamie Pirotta, Michael Mihaly and Daryl Sebrie.

Aiming for the Cup

Overport's under 13 side will take a power of beating in this year's Ampol Junior Cup on Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14.

The squad of 13 was undefeated last season in winning the Peninsula League Championship.

Club president, senior qualified instructor and under 13 coach, Doug Beat has had the side training hard at its ground at Baxter Park Frankston, in preparation for the 1976 Ampol Cup series.

From left: Mrs and Mr Lief Jensen. Middle row: T. Blazevic, R. Meerwald, A. Szabo, G. Livingstone, A. Zinni, D. Zemunik, M. Petersen, A. Illes. Front row: A. McCann, D. Naday, D. Wright, J. Fotopoulos, J. Pines, F. Lakatos, D. Jensen. Absent: A. Fenech, R.

Work pays dividends

The attitude of Melbourne's under 12 side is one that should be adopted by senior teams.

The boys' motto is: Train hard and games will be fun and easy.

Their willingness to learn and train has paid dividends. They have been league champions the past two years, JMLC champions in 1974 and Altona Cup winners last season.

The club is on the lookout for junior recruits and interested players can ring coach Lief Jensen on 96 3193 or call at Elwood Park

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OUTSIDER TO WIN CUP?

The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

Cup ties the world over have a tradition of causing upsets and this year's Dockerty Cup looks like living up to the tradition.

Last Saturday's extra preliminary round saw several "minnows" toss more fancied opposition.

Pride of place must go to District Leaguers Royal Park who toppled strong Third Division side Park Rangers, and Provisional League team Hamlyn Rangers which convincingly accounted for last season's Third Division champion Heidelberg.

Other meritorious performances came from Fourth Division Broadmeadows which downed Second Division Dandenong City away from home on penalties, East Brunswick which beat the strong Morwell Falcons and Frankston Pines which notched seven goals away to Morwell Rangers.

Results: Kodak 0 v Geelong 1, Dandenong 2 v Broadmeadows 2 (pen.), Park Rangers 0 v Royal Park 1, Morwell Rangers 1 v Frankston Pines 7, E. Brunswick 1 v Morwell Falcons 0, Clayton 1 v Bell Park 3, Hamlyn Rangers 3 v Heidelberg 0, Chelsea 4 v Langwarrin, 1 Waverley C. 4 v Moe Un. 1, Prahran C. 2 v N. Carlton 1.

Next Round: Saturday, March 6. K.O. 2.45 p.m.

This year's competition is the first to be played under the new format which is more open than in past years.

Last year's top four in the Metro First Division are seeded until the main round proper, along with the State League's 12.

These 16 will go into the hat along with the 16 survivors from the next two preliminary rounds.

Don't forget that there are now no replays in V.S.F. Cup competitions.

In every case, it is extra time in the event of a draw, followed by penalties.

HAMMY IS ON THE GO.

Last week I mentioned that Hammy McMeechan had taken over the coaching job at Frankston Pines, but I hardly did him justice with the short par. and early photo, for Hammy has been a busy boy lately.

On Friday he got married quietly (if that's the right term for anything Hamilton does) in Geelong.

Mr and Mrs Frank McColgan were witnesses.

On Saturday Hammy went to Morwell and saw his team take seven off the Rangers. But when I rang him on Sunday morning to congratulate him where do you think he was? Playing for Wills of course!

They say that the immortal **Billy Shankly** of Preston and Liverpool fame took his wife to see Rochdale Reserves on their honeymoon and until I met Hammy I never believed it.

My very best wishes for a happy future go to one of the nicest guys in the game and the lovely Mary.

ROYAL GAME FOR BAHICH

Park Rangers 0, Royal Park 1.

Park Rangers: Beegan, Myles, Hall, Johnson, McCormick, Clemie, Halkias, Hill, Ashton, Crooks, White, Parsons, Tierney.

Park Royal: Mustafa, Ibrahim, Okur D., Eken, Bahich, Bena, Latif, Okur N., Omanci, Hayrattin, Saydali.

Park Rangers had trouble persuading the Albert Park management to put up goalposts and the game was transferred to a Middle Park practice pitch.

Royal Park from the District League, which impressed with its smart new strip of blue and yellow, handed out carnations to its opponents before the kick-off.

Kicking against the wind, Royal Park surprised Rangers with its spritely approach and went close twice in the opening minutes.

Rangers' tactics seemed to be centred around its free scoring striker, **Billy Ashton,** but he was finding the pint-sized Bahich a tenacious opponent who wouldn't allow him time to settle.

Once Billy did get free, but found **Mustafa** the Royals' goalkeeper, in good form.

Just on halftime, **Martin White** hit a fierce shot wide and the Royals' defence was standing up well to Rangers' pressure.

Halftime came with the score 0-0, and the faithful Rangers fans conceding that the District Leaguers had done well, but no doubt expecting their team to assert its superior status in the second half.

The game resumed that way too, with **Billy Ashton** well prompted by **John Clemie,** proving a real handful, and three times in rapid succession **Mustafa** saved bravely from **Ashton** and **White.**

Rangers, encouraged by their near success, piled on the pressure, and it seemed inevitable that they would score, as first **Ashton** shot over the bar and **Clemie** shot wide, but little **Bahich** was everywhere and it was Rangers who began to get frustrated.

At every opportunity Royal Park, with the wind in its favour, thumped a long ball to its nippy forwards, and at the 36 minute mark, in a goalmouth scramble, **Omanci** banged the ball home.

Rangers were shocked and could well have gone further behind, as another ball was handled by **Jimmy Hall** as it went over his head, and although **Omanci** scored, the referee paid the freekick instead of the advantage.

However, that was **Mr Venios'** only blemish, and I thought he handled the fast, exciting game very well indeed.

Best for Royal Park were **Bahich, Omanci, Mustafa** and **N. Okur.** Best for Park Rangers were **Ashton, Clemie** and **Beegan.**

NEW FACES, OLD HANDS

Last week I discussed the changes of Green Gully Ajax and Frankston City in the First Division.

Of the other contenders for the title Albion Rovers come to mind as having an outstanding chance.

It was promoted with Preston at the end of 1973, and has pursued a somewhat erratic course in the two seasons since.

Its coach in its first year in Division 1 was **Hugh Murney,** and the strength of the team was supplied largely by players from Murney's old club, Hakoah.

That season ended with Albion in fifth position and also saw the departure of **Hugh Murney,** with **Bobby McLachlan** taking over.

Things never went smoothly for Bobby or the team and there was also a shocking run of injuries, but it showed fighting spirit on several occasions — never more so than when it beat Keilor City at Keilor.

Now Bobby has been replaced by **Billy McArthur,** and almost all of the ex-Hakoah players have gone too.

Faithful supporters at Albion and it has plenty, will see a lot of new faces in the team as McArthur's policies bear fruit.

New this season are **Eddie Sierokowski** in goal, from Keilor City, replacing **Peter Blasby** who has gone to Fitzroy.

In exchange Albion has picked up **Moises Quela** and from Hellas, **Alan Quinn,** a midfielder.

Most important to the defence at least, is the return of **Billy Doggett,** who was side-lined for most of last year, and **Nigel Bridgman** is back after injury, too.

Several youngsters will be getting their first team chance now — notably **Stephen Crilly** and the very talented **Mickey D'Silva,** who seems to excel at every sport.

Frankston City sprang a surprise on me by telling me that it is still looking for a coach!

Anyone looking for a coaching job with a good First Division club with definite promotion prospects should contact **Les Smith** on 059 982206 (business) or 781 3341 (home).

CUP DRAW

Dockerty Cup, 2nd Preliminary Round, Saturday: Essendon City v Kensington, Doveton v Carlton, Ferntree Gully v R.M.I.T., Geelong v Frankston Pines, Corio v V.R.I., Royal Park v Pegasus, Sandringham v Monash Un., Croydon C v Hawthorn, Ringwood Un v Ericsson, Moreland v Ford Falcons, St. Albans v Hamlyn Rangers, Bosch v Sth. Dandenong, N. Springvale v Waverley, Public Works v Princes Park, Newport v Albion Rovers, Melton v Chelsea, Uni. of Melb. v Essendon Lions, Doncaster R v Werribee, Monbulk v Mornington, McColl v Bell Park, Carlton v Bayswater, Sth. Yarra v Springvale, Coburg v Yallourn, Croxton v Keilor, Moorabbin v Keringal, E. Brunswick v Sunbury, Richmond v Port Melbourne, Box Hill v Frankston C, Broadmeadows v Nunawading, Morwell Fortuna v Fawkner, Carnegie v Thomastown, Prahran C v Cadbury.

WORMS' MATCH-WINNING DEBUT

DORTMUND, WEST GERMANY — A hat-trick of goals by Duisburg striker Ronnie Worms, playing his first full international, gave West Germany a crushing 8-0 victory over Malta.

It was the last qualifying game in Group Eight of the European Nations' Championship and the big win put West Germany into the quarter finals.

Had Malta won, by some miracle, the quarter-final berth would have gone to Greece.

As it is, Germany advances along with Czechoslovakia, Wales, Yugoslavia, Spain, Holland, USSR and Belgium.

The quarter-finals, to be played on March 24 and 25 and May 22 and 23 are:

A: Holland v Belgium; B: Spain v West Germany; C: Yugoslavia v Wales; D: Czechoslovakia v USSR.

In the semi-finals, Winner D plays Winner A and Winner C plays Winner B.

The West Germans had only to draw with Malta to reach the next round and were safely on their way when Worms scored the first of his three goals in the fifth minute.

He completed his hat-trick before **Erich Beer** was given a turn to shoot and he made it 4-0.

Four goals up, Germany treated the match as leisurely shooting practice.

Goalkeeper Sepp Maier, celebrating his 32nd birthday and his 66th cap, did not have one single shot to save.

Jupp Heynckes, rated as one of the world's finest forwards, sliced home Germany's fifth shot and **Beer** bobbed up for his second and Germany's sixth.

Then right back Berti Vogts booted home his first goal in 69 international matches and Bernd Hoelzenbein made it 8-0.

Among the almost 54,000 spectators who packed the Westfalia Stadium in warm sunshine was Spanish coach **Ladislao Kuballa,** who described the game as a mere training session for the Germans.

Details: West Germany 8 (Worms 3, Beer 2, Heynckes, Vogts, Hoelzenbein) Malta 0. Attendance at Westfalia Stadium: 54,000.

Final standings in Group Eight of the European Nations Championship:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
West Ger.	3	3	0	14	4	9
Greece	2	3	1	12	9	7
Bulgaria	2	2	2	12	7	6
Malta	1	0	5	2	20	2

CITY WIN FLAG

London. — The power on the wing of Manchester City's Peter Barnes and Dennis Tueart swept it to its second League Cup final victory in six years over Newcastle United at Wembley Stadium.

City won 2-1 after Tueart made a spectacular overhead shot in the opening minutes of the second half.

Newcastle, which had been ravaged by influenza, fought gallantly, but City were strong, fit and confident.

City switched Barnes and Tueart on the flanks and they gave defenders Alan Kennedy and Irving Nattrass a football lesson.

The League Championship race has grown tighter, with three teams on 43 points. Liverpool lead Queen's Park Rangers with Manchester United third.

Arsenal rejects Charlie George and Ray Kennedy were the key men in the Derby Liverpool clash.

George kicked his 22nd goal of the season and Kennedy scored the equaliser with four minutes to go.

Manchester United bounced back with a second half four goal spree against West Ham. Queen's Park Rangers was held to a scoreless draw by Sheffield United.

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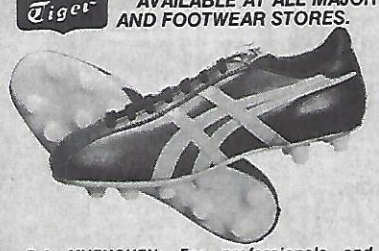

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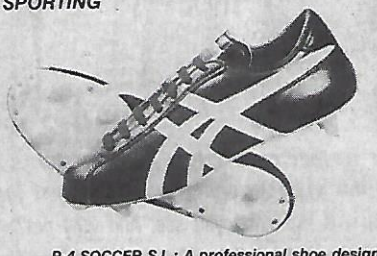

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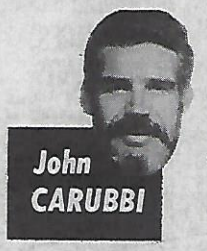

John CARUBBI

Melbourne, febbraio

Premesso che è il pomeriggio del 24 febbraio, appena l'indomani di Alexander-Juventus e che quindi l'uscita di questo pezzo potrá forse seguire una smagliante vittoria della Juventus (a causa o grazie al pressapochismo con il quale viene giocato il calcio in Australia) mi sia consentito dal direttore, dai lettori e da coloro che forse mi considerano un intruso nella stesura di cronachette giornalistiche sportive nel Victoria, mi sia consentito, dicevo, soffermarmi su di un punto focale di quell'incontro, Alexander-Juventus, terminato con la sconfitta juventina per 1 a 0.

In quella partita, l'allenatore giocatore Gorrie, si schieró terzino.

Ammesso di non essere io stato presente al match (il che non significa il classico... cavolo) non esito ad individuare nell'idea di David full-back, un marchiano errore di chi lo concepí, di chi la giustificó e soprattutto di chi non la rilevó.

Anche se il buon Gorrie, in effetti, forse assunse il ruolo di libero (cosa che trovo molto, ma molto difficile da considerare). Comunque, che giocasse da terzino o libero mette poco conto, visto che il comune denominatore delle due posizioni è la predisposizione a difendere.

Dunque, ammesso e non concesso che, vuoi per infortuni vari, vuoi per squalifica, non ci fosse proprio nessun altro da mandare in campo a colmare il vuoto da «full-back», se 11 uomini furono schierati, uno qualsiasi sarebbe stato adatto alla bisogna, meno che David Gorrie. E per un motivo, molto semplice (sempre per chi di calcio conosce l'essenziale): l'interessato, nella sua personalitá di calciatore, ha i tratti del carattere dell'Altafini che mandava in bestia paron Rocco. Chi è aggiornato sulle vicende calcistiche italiane degli anni più o meno recenti, capirà.

Degli altri non ci interessa, quindi rientro in argomento.

Gorrie manca delle doti indispensabili per fare il difensore moderno: grinta e velocitá. Ed a tali carenze non puó sopperire (pur concesso che ne sia a conoscenza) con la buona volontá perchè e cosí fosse, si dovrebbe giustificare anche colui che cerca di arrampicarsi sugli specchi.

Il giocatore che si schiera in difesa, fermo restando un certo bagaglio tecnico senza il quale calciatore non lo sarebbe affatto, deve avere per natura le doti aggressive dell'interditore, del tipo cioè che nei limiti del regolamento (e nelle pieghe dello stesso, quando si tratta della gomitata affibbiata con astuzia volpina), trova comunque il mezzo per fermare l'avversario.

Responsabilizzato dalla carica di allenatore-giocatore, Gorrie ci mette l'anima, è vero, ma non è costruito atleticamente e soprattutto mentalmente, per fare l'interditore.

Gli manca, pur essendo scozzese, e l'abbiamo notato in varie partite precedenti Alexander-Juventus, per fare il difensore la personalitá atletica albionica, che trovó la sua esasperata interpretazione in Nobby Stiles, il non dimenticato «macellaio di Wembley» nel periodo in cui la nazionale bianca finí con l'arrivare se non andiamo errati, al titolo mondiale, per non parlare poi dell'acume tattico di «coach».

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U ovoj godini J.U.S.T. izbacuje dva nova talenta, kojima predstoji velika budućnost. S njima mnogo dobija i nogomet u Australiji, jer su obojica još u razvoju, a već su svojom maštom i igrom zasjenili mnoge zvijezde.

Prvi je MENDO RISTOVSKI. Još nije došao do punog izražaja, ali je pružao igre i davao golove kakovi se rijetko vidjaju. Radi osjetljivog karaktera igra u promjenjivoj formi.

Zbog okoline koja ga ne razumije i oč ekuje svaki put još bolju igru i više golova, Mendo se zna naljutiti. Istina to je dječačka ljutnja, ali ga izbaci iz ritma njegove igre. Kad je raspoložen onda ga nosi bujna mašta, bez koje niti jedan talenat nije mnogo postigao.

Iskustvo liječi svaku ljutnju, te će takav slučaj biti i sa Mendom. Iskustvo će ga naučit da je publika sebična, ona dolazi radi svog zadovoljstva, pa kad joj se isto uskrati postane nemoguća. „Beštima", kako kažemo mi Dalmatinci, najviše svoje ljubimce, umjesto da ih hrabri kad im ne ide najbolje. Iskussio sam to na svojoj koži mnogo puta. A kroz takovu školu će proći i Mendo, na što je on pripravan, jer ga ne zanosi slava, poštuje i voli da sluša starije igrače. Uz sve to, vesele je naravi, uvijek spreman za šalu, podvalu i sitnu avanturu, ali prije zna biti ozbiljan kad to situacija zahtjeva.

Gotovo neočekivano, uz Mendu Ristovskog pojavio se ZORAN ILIOVSKI, par godina mladji, ali odrastao sa njim u istoj ulici, školi i klubu. Ima svoj stil nešto različitiji od Mendinog, manje kitnjast ali isto toliko koristan U svakom slučaju riječdak je talenat, koji može pravilno i uspješno da se razvija, jer je zapao u pravu sredinu gdje se nogomet uzgaja kao posebna struka i umjetnost pod nadzorom pravih stručnjaka.

Za postignuti uspjeh Mendo i Zoki treba da su zahvalni, po mome mišljenju, treneru J.U.S.T.-a Čedi Cirkoviću-Ćiri. Ćira ima jednu krasnu osobinu što se tiče mladih igrača. Savjetuje ih ne samo kako da postanu nogometaši, već još više kontrolira privatan život, uspjeh u školi i odnos prema ocu, majki, braći i sestrama. Brine se o mladima kao da su njegova djeca. Specijalno Mendo i Zoki ne smiju zaboraviti Ćirine savjete, ako misle da nastave uspješan pohod u budućnost.

Želim da na koncu naglasim: TALENTI SE NE STVARAJU, VEĆ SE RADJAJU KAO TAKOVI. Jedino mogu ostati nezapaženi ako ne žive sportskim životom koji je pun samoodricanja, ali isto toliko pun zadovoljstva, sreće i materijalne bezbednosti poslije svakog uspjeha.

Mendo Ristovski

Hakoah the latest stop for Paddy

Paddy Sloan

Paddy Sloan has been appointed assistant coach of Hakoah.

Sloan 55, will coach the reserves and help senior coach **Sandy Henderson.**

This dynamic fitness fanatic who still runs many miles every day, is one of the most experienced soccer men in Australia.

Between the late 1930s and mid 1950s he played for Manchester United, Arsenal, Sheffield United, Milan and Udenesi in Italy, Norwich City and various English non-league teams.

He represented Ireland five times and likes telling the story of how he represented Wales once, when one of the Welsh players failed to turn up at a game.

Sloan was on the coaching staff of Milan and Turin in Italy, Arsenal in England, Rabat in Malta and Nancy in France.

In Australia, he has coached South Melbourne Hellas, Juventus, Croatia, Slavia, St. Albans, Triestina, Makedonia, Libertas and the George Cross reserves.

In 1964, at the age of 43, he was captain of the Ringwood-Wilhelmina reserves that won the championship. He played also for Slavia Reserves, Hellas, St. Albans, Heidelberg and Makedonia.

During his playing career in Europe, a total of about $120,000 was paid for him in transfer fees — a massive amount at the time.

Yugal players now cheaper

Transfer fees placed on five Yugal players were slashed by the N.S.W. Soccer Federation.

And the Federation executive ruled that the players must be paid money allegedly owing to them. They will be paid from cash that comes in for their transfer.

The players, with their new transfer fees, are: **Gary Fairclough** ($2,500), **Uwe Bracklow** ($2,500), **Nick Petkovski** ($2,500), **Steve Selvage** ($2,000) and **Steve McDonald** ($3,500).

Zoran Iliovski (right) with Les Owens of Slavia.

Admission goes up

MOVES to increase Sydney first division Soccer admission charges from $1 to $1.50 seem sure to succeed following last week's meeting of first division clubs.

Of the 12 clubs at the meeting, nine favoured the 50 per cent increase and three voted against.

But before prices can go up, a special meeting of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation will have to be called.

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PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues.

TWELVE IN COMO CUP SERIES

The ninth annual Como Cup will be contested on Monday at Prahran City's headquarters at Como Park, at South Yarra.

The Como Cup is a knockout competition which coincides with the yearly Moomba celebrations.

Park Rangers will defend the Cup against South Yarra, Richmond, Nunawading, Eltham, Moorabbin, Heidelberg, Sandringham, Greensborough, Chelsea, Mitcham and host club Prahran City.

The Como Cup runner-up receives the Norm Kitely Cup — named in memory of the man who was curator of Como Park for 26 years.

The Victorian director of coaching, **Mr Ron Smith,** will present the trophies.

Prahran City started the Como Cup in 1968 to celebrate the club's 60-year participation in Victorian soccer.

Soccer starts at 10 am and finishes at 5 pm. Barbecue facilities are available.

$60,000 pavilion

Work will start on a $60,000 sporting pavilion at the Geelong club within two months.

The pavilion, which will be one of the most modern in Victoria, is expected to be completed by August or September.

The club will use it as headquarters next season. Geelong president, **Mr Gerrard Smith,** has recently been elected to Corio Shire Council.

Former Mooroolbark player **Sandy Milne** will coach the club this year.

He played with the side last season, but has a non playing position this year.

Geelong has played practice games against Croydon City and Bell Park. This weekend it will play Kodak and Sunbury United.

A gala affair

Saturday, March 27, will be the highlight of the year for the Fawkner club.

This is when the club's new pavilion — a huge sporting complex valued at $180,000 — will be officially opened.

Youth, Sport and Recreation Minister **Brian Dixon** will probably be asked to open the pavilion.

Fawkner has played three pre-season practice matches — against State League teams J.U.S.T. and Sunshine and powerful Metropolitan League club Keilor Austria.

Fawkner has had a successful, but unfortunate past three seasons, finishing runner-up each year.

Claude Korlevic will coach the side for the third successive year.

Fawkner is preparing for its matches in the Cumberland, Dockerty and Peninsula Cups.

This season the club will field six teams in the junior section from under 10's to 16's.

Melton's complex

Provisional League club Melton will have one of the best sporting centres in the Melbourne district later this year.

About 18 months ago Melton Shire Council bought over 200 acres which was to be developed as a sporting and recreational complex.

These days the complex is well under way and later in the season the Melton Soccer Club will shift its headquarters to the sporting complex — named McPherson Park.

A massive changing room — valued at about $45,000 — will accompany the club's three or four soccer pitches.

The club will not shift to McPherson Park until the grounds are sufficiently grassed — a process expected to take two months.

Melton now plays at a reserve in Northcote Street, Melton South.

Polonia beaten

Second division Metropolitan club Newport is heading for promotion.

Newport — which just missed promotion last year — proved this when it downed State League side Polonia 1-0 recently.

The sides met in a knockout competition match during the annual Polish community picnic and sports day at Lara.

It earlier beat the Polish Youth Association 8-0 and downed Syrena (Geelong) 2-0 to win the yearly trophy.

John Jankovic, 20, of Kensington United, demonstrates his goalkeeping skill during a training run under the watchful eye of Zoltan Szacsuri.

Set for success

Kensington United, one of Victoria's top District League clubs — is all set for another good year.

At the annual meeting most of last season's administrators were re-elected to the committee.

The club, founded in 1970 by a group of soccer minded Italians, has had an interesting five years, winning several trophies.

Kensington United, whose ground is situated in Holland Park, has received several high commendations.

It has given newly arrived migrant children a chance of integrating in this country's social structure.

Kensington was the first club to be granted permission to use the facilities of the newly built $350,000 Kensington Community Centre complex in Holland Park.

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

★ Τὸ θέμα τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τῶν Ἑλλήνων παικτῶν στὶς τακτικὲς ἐνδεκάδες τῆς Ἑλλάς καὶ τοῦ Μ. Ἀλεξάνδρου, ἦταν πάντοτε ἕνα καυτὸ θέμα ποὺ συζητεῖται σὲ κάθε ἀγώνα τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν ὁμάδων! «Πόσοι Ἕλληνες παίζουν σήμερα»; «γιατὶ νὰ μὴ ἔχουμε περισσότερους» κλπ., ἦταν τὰ συνήθη ἐρωτήματα τῶν Ἑλλήνων φιλάθλων τὰ ὁποῖα δὲν εἶναι ἀπίθανο νὰ εἶναι ἀκριβῶς τὰ ἴδια μὲ τῶν Σκωτσέζων φιλάθλων!

Τὴν ἀπορία γιὰ τὸ ἂν ὑπάρχουν ἀρκετοὶ ἱκανοὶ Ἕλληνες παῖκτες στὶς Ἑλληνικὲς ὁμάδες, ἔρχεται νὰ λύση ἡ «Ἕλλην. Ἑβδομάδα» στὶς ἐκδηλώσεις τῆς ὁποίας περιλαμβάνεται καὶ ἕνας φιλικὸς ἀγὼν μεταξὺ τῶν ὁμάδων Ἑλλάς καὶ Ἀλεξάνδρου τῶν ὁποίων οἱ ἑνδεκάδες θὰ σχηματισθοῦν «ἀποκλειστικὰ» ἀπὸ Ἕλληνες παῖκτες!! Θὰ μπορέσουν λοιπὸν νὰ συμπληρώσουν ἑνδεκάδα οἱ ὁμάδες; Ἀπὸ Ἕλληνες παῖκτες ποὺ ἤδη ἀγωνίζονται στὶς α' ὁμάδες ὁ Μέγας εἶναι ἐπικρατέστερος μὲ 9 παῖκτες: Κρέσκας, Ρακοβαλῆς, Στογιάννου, Ρέλλης, Κυριακίδης, Καραμπάτσος, Μπουζίκας, Νικολαΐδης! Ἡ Ἑλλὰς ἔχει μόνο 5 παῖκτες: Β. Τσιγάρας, Καλαφατίδης, Ξανθόπουλος, Δαπέρης, Κόκκινος!!! Οἱ ὑπόλοιποι θὰ πρέπει νὰ βρεθοῦν ἀπὸ τὶς ἀνοιπληρωματικὲς ὁμάδες! Θὰ εἶναι δὲ εὐκαιρία γιὰ τοὺς προέδρους καὶ προπονητὲς τῶν μεγάλων νὰ ἐντοπίσουν ταλαντούχους παῖκτες ἀπὸ τὴν μικτὴ Ἑλλήνων μικροτέρων κατηγοριῶν ἡ ὁποία θὰ ἀγωνισθῆ πρὸ τοῦ κυρίου ἀγῶνος! Ἐμεῖς πάντως ἀπὸ τοὺς μικροὺς ξεχωρίσαμε τὸν ταλαντοῦχο τερματοφύλακα τῆς Ν. Ἑλλὰς Σωτήρη Σεργιώτη!

Ὁ ἀγώνας θὰ ἀρχίση στὶς 3.15' στὸ Μίντλ Πάρκ, τὴν Δευτέρα, 8 Μαρτίου! Ἀπὸ τοὺς θεατὲς θὰ ὑπάρξη, ὕστερα ἀπὸ κλήρωση τῶν εἰσιτηρίων, ἕνας τυχερὸς ποὺ θὰ πάρη ἕνα εἰσιτήριο γιὰ τὴν Ἑλλάδα!

★ Κρούσματα ἀπειθαρχίας ἔχουν παρατηρηθεῖ στὸ στρατόπεδο τοῦ Μέγα! Ἐλέχθη ὅτι οἱ Ἕλληνες παῖκτες δυσανασχετοῦν μὲ τὴν συνεχῆ χρησιμοποίηση τῶν Σκωτσέζων παικτῶν! Ἀνεφέρθη δὲ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Θανάση Ρέλλη γιὰ τὸν ὁποῖον λέγεται ὅτι ἀρνήθηκε νὰ φορέση τὴν φανέλα τοῦ ἀναπληρωματικοῦ πρὶν ἀπὸ τὸν ἀγῶνα μὲ τὴν Γιουβέντους! Κρούσματα ἀπειθαρχίας δὲν ἔχουν θέση στὴν οἰκογένεια τοῦ Μέγα! Ὁ προπονητὴς ἔχει ἀπόλυτη δικαιοδοσία στὴν σύνθεση τῆς ὁμάδος!

"Ἀλλωστε εἶχα τονίσει καὶ σὲ προηγούμενο ἄρθρο ὅτι τὸ "Αμπολ Κὰπ εἶναι μία διοργάνωση ὅπου οἱ προπονητὲς πειραματίζονται μὲ τὴν σύνθεση τῆς ὁμάδος ἕως ὅτου ἀποκρυσταλλώσουν μία γνώμη γιὰ τὴν τελικὴ σύνθεση μὲ τὴν ὁποία ἡ ὁμάδα θὰ κατέβη στὸ πρωτάθλημα καὶ στὸ Ντόκερτυ Κὰπ! Ἑπομένως εἶναι νωρὶς ἀκόμη γιὰ νὰ κρίνουμε προπονητὲς καὶ νὰ δημιουργοῦμε κρούσματα ἀπειθαρχίας! Μὴ βιάζεσθε, ὅπου νᾶναι ἀρχίζει τὸ πρωτάθλημα!

Pacemakers at Albion

Star gathering at Albion Rovers, top from left: Tony Kennedy (publicity officer), drummer Keith of Gerry and the Pacemakers, Mrs. Frankie Kennedy, supporter Janet Waslin, lead guitarist Bill of Gerry and the Pacemakers, Gerry Marsden himself, supporters Sandra O'Gorman and "Twitty Geoff." Front: Taffy Garland, cheerleader, and wife Sylvia.

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